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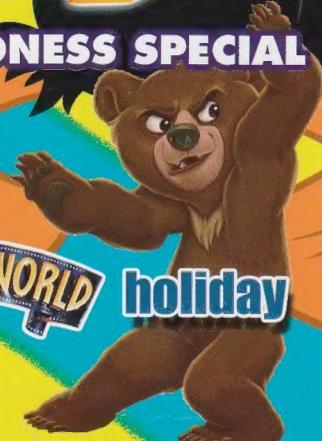
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## Hi ya!

It's the holiday season and everyone seems to be going a little crazy! We interviewed **Brendan Fraser** from Looney Tunes Back in Action and he said he'd rather be a rabbit (pg 14). **Brittany Murphy** is doing dog voices (pg 21), **Jeremy Sumpter** thinks he's Peter Pan (pg 22), **Wendy Harmer** is off with fairies (pg 74) and **Dr Karl** is predicting the future (pg 48).

It's a good thing we have our act together and can ask all the hard-hitting questions – like **how do you go to the toilet when you're at the North Pole?** No, it's not a joke

- it's seriously what we asked adventurer Eric Philips.

Read his gross but entirely sensible answer on page 51.

Are you going a little bit mad this summer? Maybe you

feel like **Daffy Duck**. Find out which Looney Tune character you're like by taking our quiz (pg 30). Then check out our massive Movie Madness section that starts on page 13. Anyhow I'd better get going - I have some Christmas shopping to do

Bye and **merry Christmas!**

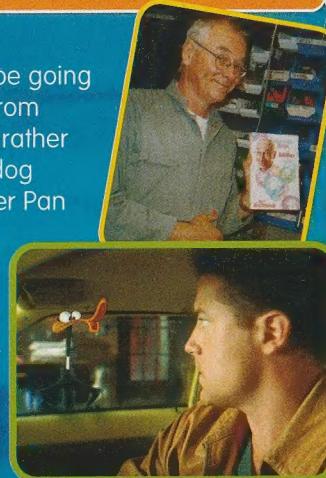
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## DMAG'S IN THE AGE!

If you loved this issue of DMAG then make sure you pick up a copy of **The Age** newspaper every day during the school holidays - we're in it!

DMAG Holiday Fun in The Age is jam-packed full of stories, interviews, puzzles, comics - even cheats! Start collecting The Age from Sunday 14 December and you'll be able to enter our fabulous comp to win a bike of your choice worth \$500 - it's totally extreme!



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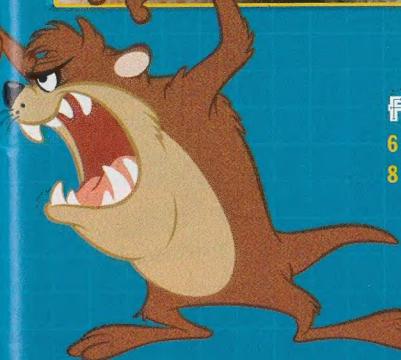
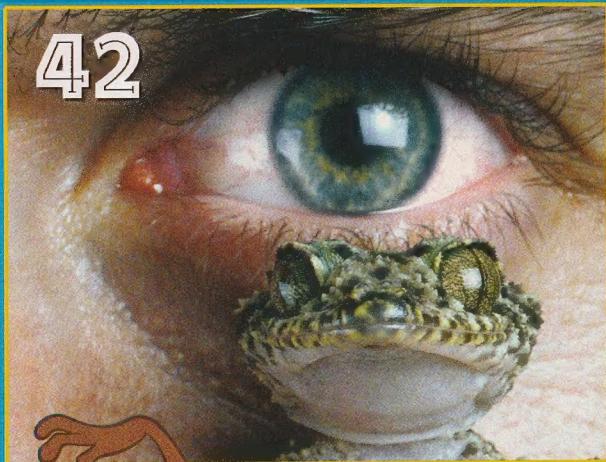
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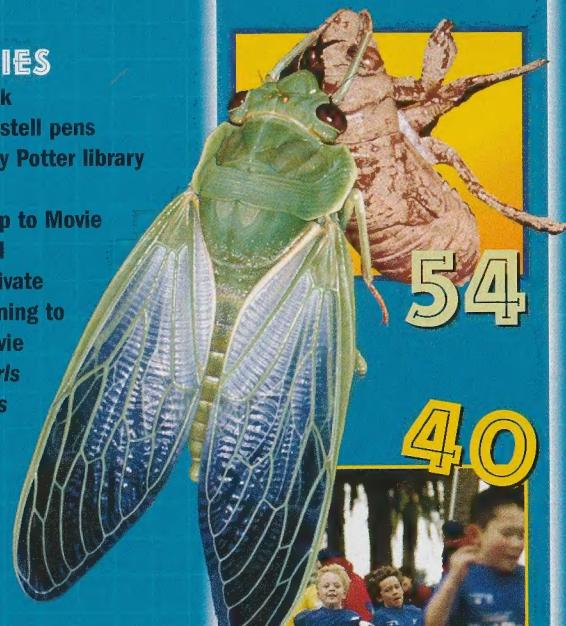
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# DMAG OUT AND

We've been getting in to the holiday spirit here at DMAG. We rushed to Movie World to met Wile E. Coyote and while we were there we checked out all the cool rides ...



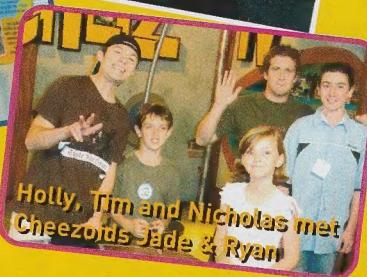
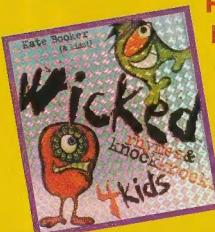
It was great fun!!! Meanwhile, back in the office, Rosy the alligator



and the winner of the Harry Potter: Quidditch World Cup competition.

## HAVE YOU MET SOMEONE

**INTERESTING LATELY?** Why not send us a pic? Send your letters, photo's and drawings to DMAG letters, PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084. **All letters published on this page in our next issue will win a Wicked Rhymes & Knock Knock 4 Kids book.**



checked out our magazine. She thought it was delicious. Then it was off to the Channel Ten Studios to film the DMAG Dare with Jade and Ryan from Cheez TV

## TO DMAG,

I have read your mag for a while now and I find it one of the best around. I like the Arcade game reviews, and the Weird Science section. I also like the comics, competitions and Yu-gi-oh! I hope that in the future the Arcade section will be bigger.

**Trent Petronaitis**

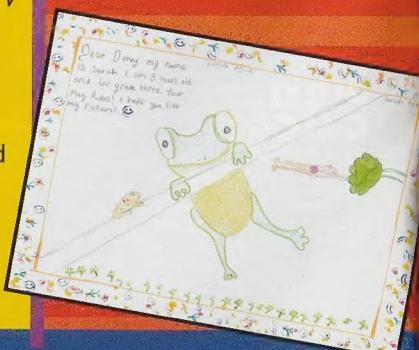
Ed. - it will be - look out for the bumper Jan. issue!

Alison Liell, 10



## DEAR DMAG,

My name is Sarah, I am in grade three. Your Mag Rules! I hope you like my picture. **Sarah Ayub, 8**



# ABOUT!



HEY DMAG,

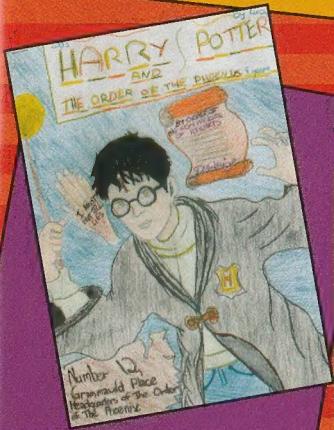
I read *Rubbishing Seals* on page 45 of *DMAG*'s October issue, and I really agree with Brad Page. I think people should put a stop to rubbishing the seal's environment. So please stop. That would be a big help. *DMAG* rules. From your number one fan, **Jessica Pope, 10**



## DEAR DMAC

I only started collecting your magazine since July this year. I have found it to be more interesting than *K-ZONE*. The things I like most about your magazine are the comics, puzzles, Harry Potter and the

*Movie Madness* page. I also enjoy the dares that Jade and Ryan do. I think it's great getting posters and tattoos. Most of all I love entering the competitions. Anyway I have sent you a drawing.



Lucy Sharpe, 8



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# ARTISTS

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WE RECEIVED THIS MONTH

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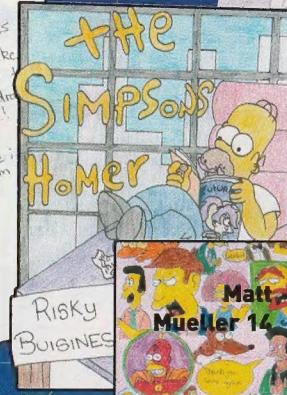
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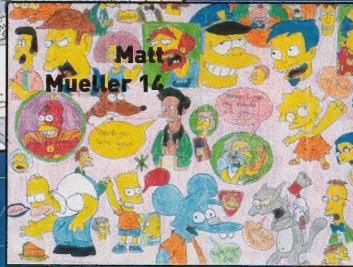
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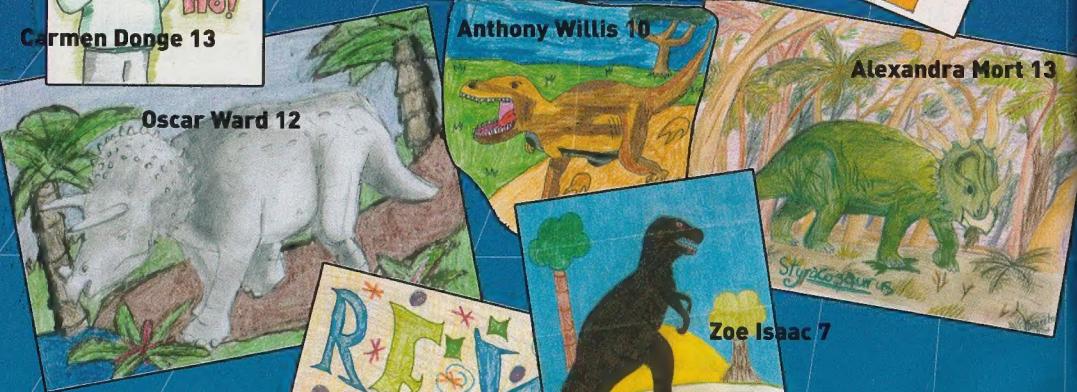
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# POTTER THEORIES

**In our September issue we asked if you thought there was a romantic future for Harry and Luna Lovegood. Here are your theories:**

**Kayleigh Coleman, 13.** *No way! Harry does not and will not have a romantic future with Luna Lovegood. Luna is too weird and believes in superstition and that is not what Harry is about! The only way Luna will achieve love between Harry and her is if she cooks up a love potion, and I wouldn't put it past her. I think love will flourish between Harry and Cho-Chang though.*

**TK Christiansen, 12.** *I think there might be because they are so alike and she can see Thestrals, like him. Yeah, I reckon there's a strong chance.*

**Thomas Warren, 5.** *No, I think that Luna is somehow related to Harry.*

**Eileen McDonald, 11.** *I think that Luna Lovegood will eventually do something really heroic like save Harry's life and then Harry will have no choice. He's got no one else, has he? Though he doesn't really like her (yet) he has to pay her back sometime.*

**Beth-Ann Stam, 11.** *I think that this idea is a "joke" - I seriously doubt that Harry and Luna would ever have a romance. Luna just isn't*



**Harry's type. I think we'd see Harry with Ginny Weasley before we'd see him with Luna. Perhaps we'll see Luna and Neville Longbottom in a romance - this would be a great match as they're well suited and it would be so good for Neville - Luna and Neville would understand each other well.**

**Dean Radford, 12.** *I think there will be because in the last chapter of *The Order of the Phoenix* they seemed to like each other and since Harry isn't going out with Cho Chang anymore I think there will be some romance between them in the sixth book.*

**Chantel Dyball, 9.** *Yes, because Harry and Luna have lots of things in common. It could also be because boys have funny ways of showing girls they like them - in Harry's case he teases her. No, because Harry could be liking Ginny or Lavender Brown after all they have been through in the Ministry of Magic.*

**If you'd like to win a Harry Potter library bag, send us your theories on this: Who will look after Buckbeak now that Sirius is dead? Send your entries to Potter Theories #22 PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.**



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**1** It's the first day of summer - yippee! If you're in Melbourne you can learn how to be a DJ at *Freestyle* or dress up as a fairy in *Fairy Fantasies*. See [www.thatamelbourne.com.au](http://www.thatamelbourne.com.au)



**1-7** It's Coastcare week!

**2** Britney Spears turns 22 today

**3** Brendan Fraser and **50 Cent** share a birthday

**5** Malcolm in the Middle's **Frankie Muniz** turns 16

**18** Christina Aguilera, **Katie Holmes**, **Brad Pitt** and Director **Steven Spielberg** celebrate their birthdays

**19** Join over 100,000 people at Sydney's *Carols in the Domain* - it's also the Summer Solstice - the longest day of the year

**24** Last chance to visit Santa's



Kingdom in Sydney, See

[www.santaskingdom.com.au](http://www.santaskingdom.com.au)

**25** *Merry Christmas* everyone!

**26** It's Boxing Day and the start of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race plus the movie we've all been waiting for - *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*

**28** It's *golfer* **Tony** **Woods** birthday

**30** New Year's Eve! Don't forget to watch the Disney Channel Kids Choice Awards at 5.00pm.



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## IT'S A LION - LIVE ON STAGE

Ever heard of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis? Well it's one of the most magical books ever written.

Now you can enter the world of Narnia by seeing the fantastical stage play at Star City's Lyric Theatre, Sydney from 19 December. See [www.lionwitchandwardrobe.net](http://www.lionwitchandwardrobe.net) for more.



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## IT'S THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

And this summer is a big summer for movies, with ten huge new movies to see!



To make the choice easier for you guys, we've done all the hard work, sussed out the best movies and compiled the ultimate guide!

We talk to the stars, like **BRENDAN FRASER**, **BRITTANY MURPHY** and **JEREMY SUMPTER**.

**PLUS!**  
WE'VE GOT  
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# BRENDAN JOHN OF THE JUNGLE!

**H**e is best known as *George of the Jungle*, but in real life, Brendan Fraser is even funnier – and he's just nuts about *Looney Tunes* cartoons – as we found out ...

**DMAG:** Hi Brendan, I know you've worked with animals before – what's it like working with cartoon characters?

**Brendan:** I grew up watching cartoons, so it was an honour!

**DMAG:** You're probably best known to *DMAG* readers as *George of the Jungle*. Do people still tell you to watch out for that tree?

**Brendan:** No they just scream "Hey George!" a lot. Lots of moms come up to me and tell me their kid's hurt himself by trying to do it. Remember kids – only George can do it. And those trees were made of rubber.



## WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ACME INVENTION OR CONTRAPTION?

The thing that made me laugh out loud when we went to the ACME warehouse was ACME Ball Bearings...

**DMAG:** Did you have to learn any special skills for *George of the Jungle* – like throwing spears or swinging from vines?

**Brendan:** There were some

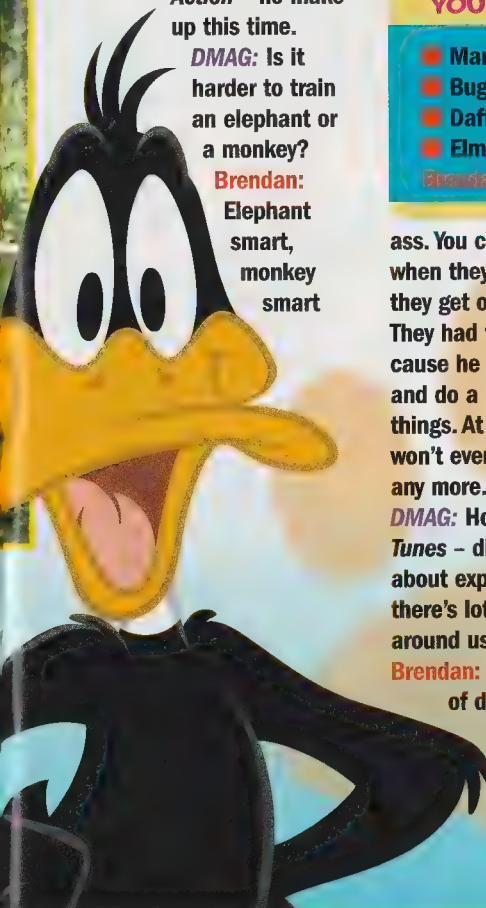
stunts where I was rigged on stuff, so I got to do a lot of swinging around on ropes and stuff, learning to be like in *Cirque de Soleil* or something. It was fun.

**DMAG:** In *Back In Action* you visit the jungles of Africa to find the Blue Monkey Diamond. Did you meet any old friends like Shep or Ape?

**Brendan:** Yes! The elephant in *Back in Action* is the very same elephant who played Shep in *George of the Jungle*. Her name is Tai, and she remembered me! She's just a gorgeous, noble creature. Her skin is actually pink with freckles, but they put grey make-up on her in *George*. She's just natural in *Back in Action* - no make-up this time.

**DMAG:** Is it harder to train an elephant or a monkey?

**Brendan:** Elephant smart, monkey smart



## LOONEY TUNES BACK IN ACTION

### THE LOST MONKEY DIAMOND

Cartoons (nearly the entire stable of Looney Tunes characters) enter the live-action world, when Daffy gets fired from Warner Bros, and joins DJ Drake (Brendan Fraser) on his quest to find his missing father and the mythical Blue Monkey diamond.

**DMAG:** Do you have to learn to train the monkeys?

**Brendan:** Well, I was friends with Daffy in *Space Jam*.

### WHICH CARTOON CHARACTER WOULD YOU RATHER BE?

- Marvin the Martian
- Bugs Bunny
- Daffy Duck
- Elmer Fudd

**DMAG:** Bugs. Definitely

ass. You can train monkeys when they're young, but when they get older - they wise-up. They had to retire the monkey cause he would throw fits and do a lot of naughty things. At a certain age they won't even listen to trainers any more.

**DMAG:** How about for *Looney Tunes* - did you have to learn about explosives? Because there's lots of dynamite around usually!

**Brendan:** Yeah, there's heaps of dynamite. There's a character called Nasty Canasta who always turns up asking: "Are we

going to blast 'em?" ... Jenna has a great line where she says, "dynamite, who has dynamite?". We didn't have to learn about explosives ... thankfully it's only the cartoons that get blown up.

**DMAG:** Does Daffy ad lib any of his lines?

**Brendan:** Daffy ad libs all his lines. Script? What script? He doesn't even read the script - he just throws it straight into Tweety bird's cage. Daffy doesn't even look at the script. Doesn't show up on time. He's cranky all the time.

**DMAG:** Is Bugs a nice guy or is he really full of himself?

**Brendan:** Bugs is the ice man... my favourite. How many cartoon characters have their own star on the Hollywood walk of fame? He sent me a bunch of carrots when I first joined the set.



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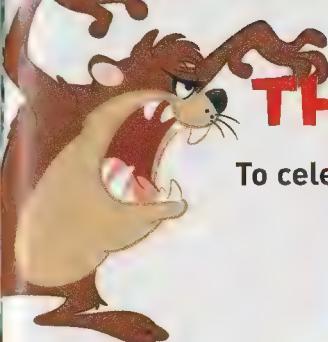
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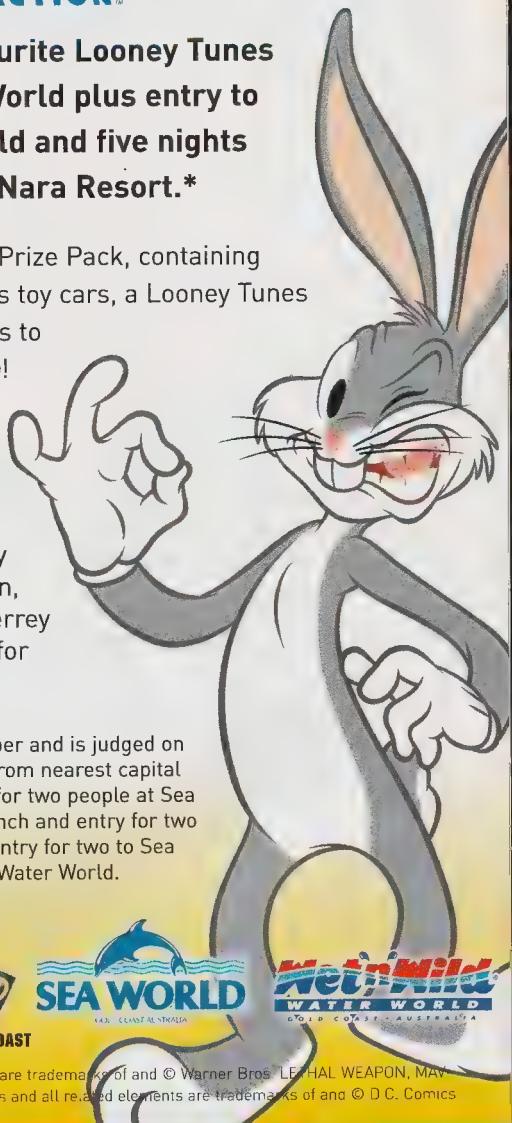
**BACK IN ACTION.**

you could win lunch with your favourite Looney Tunes character at Warner Bros. Movie World plus entry to Sea World, Wet'n'Wild Water World and five nights accommodation at Sea World Nara Resort.\*

**20 runners up** will also win a Looney Tunes Prize Pack, containing a Looney Tunes T-shirt, two Looney Tunes toy cars, a Looney Tunes lenticular collector card and a double pass to see *Looney Tunes Back In Action!*

**To enter**, draw us a picture of your favourite Looney Tunes character, and send your entry to: Looney Tunes competition, PO Box 321 Mona Vale Rd, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

\* Competition closes on 19 December and is judged on 20 December. Prize includes airfare from nearest capital city and accommodation for two people at Sea World Nara Resort, lunch and entry for two to Movie World, and entry for two to Sea World and Wet'n'Wild Water World.



HOLLYWOOD ON THE GOLD COAST



# EMI MOVIE WONDER



## UPTOWN GIRLS

Out: 20th November

Rated: PG

Stars: Brittany Murphy,  
Dakota Fanning

Molly Gunn – the freewheeling daughter of a late rock legend and the toast of the town – has her inheritance stolen and is forced to find a job... so she becomes nanny to spoilt-brat Ray, an eight year old going on 40. Find out more in our interview with star Brittany Murphy

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Dmag Score:

★★★★★ – a good girly movie!

See it if you liked:

*Legally Blonde 2*

## GOOD BOY

Out: 27th November

Rated: PG

Stars: (voices) Matthew Broderick,  
Brittany Murphy  
(busy this month!)

11-year-old Owen Baker couldn't be happier when he's finally allowed to get his own dog from the local shelter. But he soon finds out that Hubble (his new doggie) is actually an alien – on a mission from Sirius, the faraway dog planet. Hubble needs to get the neighbourhood dogs ready for a visit from their leader – the Greater Dane.



Dmag Score:  
★★★★★ – hubba hubba Hubba!

See it if you liked:  
*Cats and Dogs*



## ELF

Out: 27th November

Rated: PG

Stars: Will Ferrell

After accidentally wreaking havoc on the elf community in the North Pole he grew up in – due to his unkind, all-side-a man raised as an elf is sent to New York to find his true father. He

finds that New Yorkers don't have as much Christmas spirit as elves – and some of them don't even believe in Santa!

Dmag Score:

★★★★★ – Will Ferrell is hilarious!

See it if you liked:  
*The Santa Clause*

# WIN AN UPTOWN GIRLS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES FOR YOU AND 20 OF YOUR FRIENDS!

To celebrate the release of *Uptown Girls* on 20 November, one lucky DMAG reader can win a private theatrette screening valued at \$5000 including drinks and canapes! \*



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# The Lowdown on an Uptown Girl

by Michele Manelis

MEET BRITTANY  
MURPHY FROM  
THE HIT MOVIE  
UPTOWN GIRLS.  
WHICH  
CO-STARS  
DAKOTA  
FANNING...

**DMAG:** I just saw your face on a billboard - does it scare you when you see something like that?

**Brittany:** It's strange seeing your face on something that big! (laughs) At least I'm next to Dakota so that's good...

**DMAG:** Apparently Dakota is really smart. How did you treat her?

**Brittany:** She's my friend.

**DMAG:** Is it difficult to be friends with a nine-year-old?

**Brittany:** I have friends that are in their eighties as well - it's who you connect with personally and I connect with Dakota. We connected the moment we met each other. We have a great, fabulous time together. We enjoy each other's company so much. I saw her squeal over Britney Spears - she's a regular kid.

**DMAG:** How do you feel about being a role model for young kids?

**Brittany:** I think our youth is so very important and for me to be a part of shaping our youth ... if I could be a part of making young people learn something and make young people happy that's very important to me. That's one of the reasons why I wanted to be in this movie.

**DMAG:** Do you see yourself as a spiritual person?



**Brittany:** Yes very much so. Not in a phoney way, in a true way ... I believe that this is the way the world goes around.

**DMAG:** Who is the person you trust the most?

**Brittany:** My mom (sic).

**DMAG:** You've been in the news a lot in the past twelve months, especially about Ashton Kutcher. How has that been for you? (Brittany and Ashton were a couple when they co-starred in Just Married. Ashton is now seeing Demi Moore.)

**Brittany:** Oh my gosh, I know! I was with my mom and my aunt and we were laughing last night about something we read about me. It's hysterical. It's ridiculous, it's so funny. I always think there must be nothing going on the world that day to have a story about me everywhere. But you can't drive yourself crazy about these things.

**DMAG:** Apparently you can't drive - why is that?

**Brittany:** Oh, I'm going to take lessons soon. Hopefully by the next time we speak I will have my licence. I wanted to do it



earlier but I haven't been in one place long enough to need it.

**DMAG:** How's your music career coming along?

**Brittany:** It's great. I love writing songs. I think people are going to be surprised when it all gets going. I want to do everything - sing, dance, act.

I've been singing and performing as long as I've been acting - it's just that the world doesn't know about it yet.

**DMAG:** When do you write better - when you're upset or when you're happy?

**Brittany:** When I'm upset. When you're emotional about something in life that's when you're the best.

**DMAG:** You might be the next J-Lo if you're singing and acting...

**Brittany:** (laughs) Well, Jennifer Lopez has paved an exceptional path for myself and other people like that who are show people who love to sing and love to dance.

**DMAG:** Who were your idols growing up?

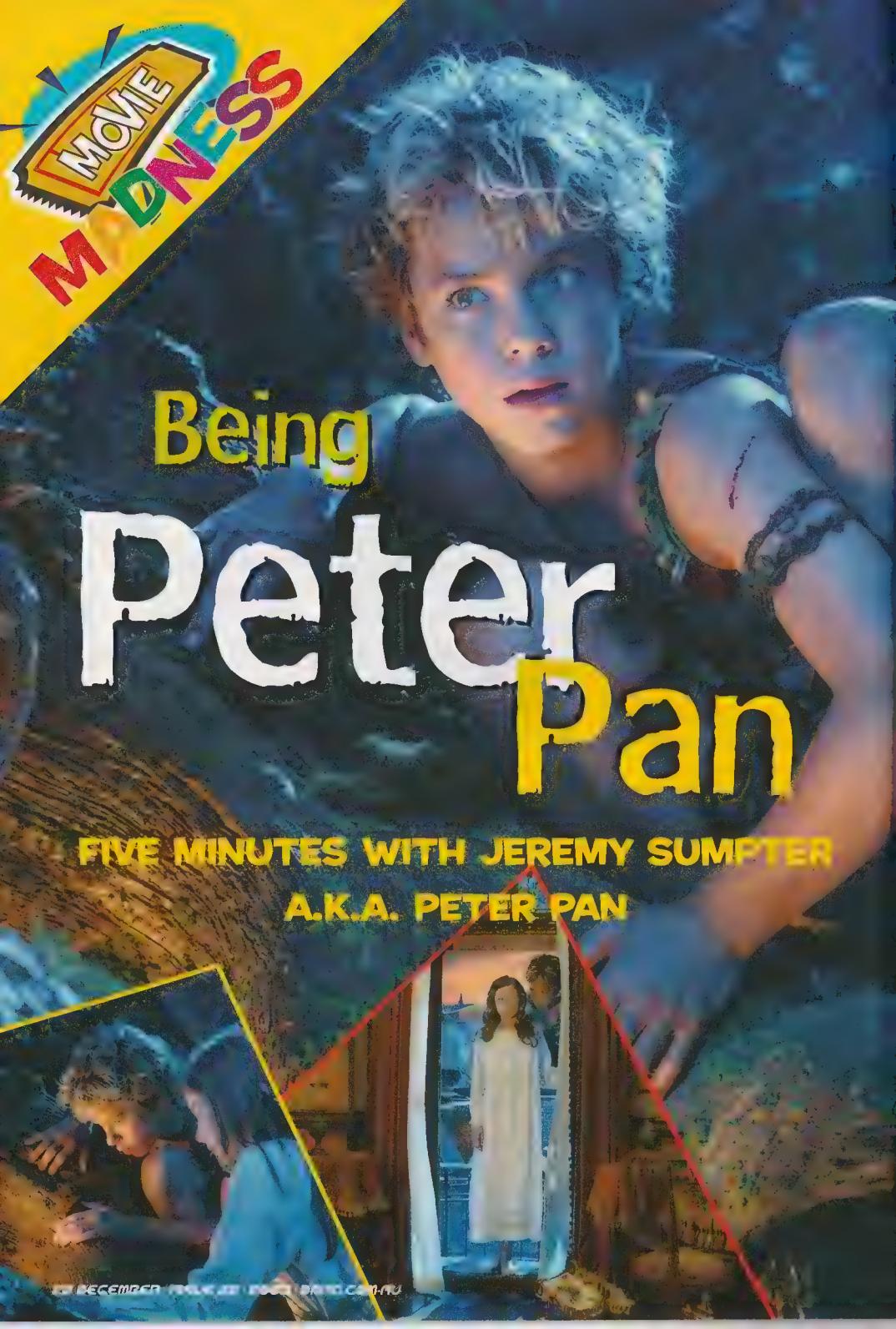
**Brittany:** Diana Ross and Barbara Streisand, Judy Garland, Madonna - multi-taskers. And Jennifer...

**DMAG:** It's not easy, it requires a lot of energy...

**Brittany:** Yes, well nothing is easy ... I don't like easy. When I sing and when I perform for people is when I'm at peace with myself.

## FAST FACTS

NAME	Brittany Murphy
RELATIONSHIP	Sharon Murphy
BIRTH	10 November 1977
FILMS	<i>Uptown Girls, Just Married, 8 Mile, Clueless, Riding in Cars with Boys, Girl Interrupted</i>
LOOK OUT FOR	The film <i>Good Boy!</i> Brittany voices Nelly the Greyhound

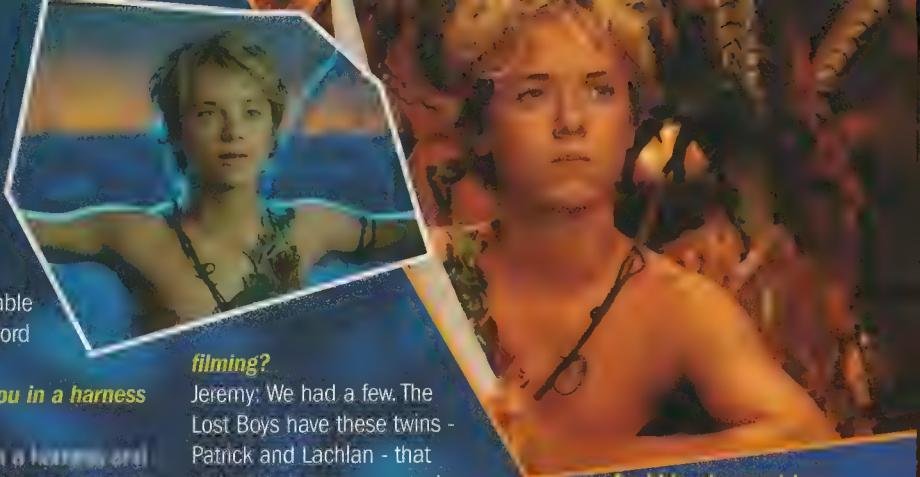


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# Being Peter Pan

FIVE MINUTES WITH JEREMY SUMPTER

A.K.A. PETER PAN



**DMAG:** What did you like about being Peter Pan?

Jeremy: Being able to fly and to sword fight.

**DMAG:** Were you in a harness to fly?

*[REDACTED]*  
they had wires on me and they shot me around. I went from here to there and back. They did all these cool things with me. It was fantastic.

**DMAG:** Did you have any training?

Jeremy: I had three months. They didn't really have a lot of time because they were getting behind, so they had me sword fight before each shoot.

**DMAG:** What are some of the sword-fighting techniques you learnt?

Jeremy: To keep your knees straight and your elbows straight and your hands straight because if you don't have that then you don't look good. And I had to learn what moves to do, how to block, parry, lunge - it was really difficult.

**DMAG:** What did you think of your co-star who played Wendy?

Jeremy: Rachel? She was great - I thought she was going to be one of those girly-girls you know, she turned out to be different and we were boyfriend and girlfriend.

**DMAG:** Were there any embarrassing moments when

**filming?**

Jeremy: We had a few. The Lost Boys have these twins - Patrick and Lachlan - that picked their nose on set when the camera was going. I really liked working with them.

**DMAG:** How old are you?

Jeremy: 14. I've been acting for four years. The highlight has been doing this movie.

**DMAG:** How would you describe the sets - they looked quite magical.

Jeremy: They were like being out in the real world, they were like being in the forest, in the woods, the Never Land sets were really cool.

**DMAG:** What tips do you have

**for kids who want to get into acting?**

Jeremy: It's a talent that you have to have. If you want to do it then give it your best shot. It's really hard to work ten hours a day and it's not like you can go out and do whatever you want. I worked six days a week for a year for Peter Pan.

**DMAG:** Did you pick up any language while you were in Australia?

Jeremy: I did ... I learned 'no worries mate' and 'beauty mate' and 'noice'.

## PETER PAN

**OUT:**

18th December

**RATED:**

PG

**STARS:**

Jeremy Sumpter, Jason Isaacs

(Lucius Malfoy in Harry Potter)

The classic story is now a live action film for the first time ever, which makes it lots more exciting and full of swashbuckling / sword-fighting action! Peter Pan is the boy who never grew up, Wendy is the girl whose parents tell her she must! And Captain Hook is the arch enemy that Peter, Wendy and her brothers, and the Lost Boys must battle if they ever want to make it home.

**CRITIC'S SCORE:** ★★★★ ★ Super-swashbuckling action!

**See it if you liked:** Pirates of the Caribbean



## SCHOOL OF ROCK

Out: 20th November

Rating: PG

Stars: Jack Black

A rock guitarist with delusions of grandeur (Jack Black) is kicked out of the band and

disguises himself as a substitute teacher. He then proceeds to turn a class of Year Five high voltage rock and rollers.

DMAG Score:

★★★½★ - Totally rocks!

See it if you liked:

*Freaky Friday*

## LORD OF THE RINGS: RETURN OF THE KING

Out: 26th December

Rating: M15+

Stars: Elijah Wood, Orlando Bloom ... too many to fit here!

Sauron's forces have laid

efforts

to eliminate the race of men. The once-great kingdom has never been in more desperate need of its king. Even with their courage and

passion

loyalty, the forces of men are no match for the enemies

warring

against Gondor. Their hopes

rest with Frodo

the small but



brave hobbit making a perilous trip across enemy lands to cast the One Ring into the fires of Mount Doom.

DMAG Score:

★★★★★ - Spectacular

- but scary.

See it if you liked:

*The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Star Wars.*

## CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

Out: 8th January

Stars: Steve Martin, Hilary Duff, Tom Welling (Superman)

A successful small town football coach and his



wife have a seemingly idyllic life with their family of twelve children. But their dad gets a job offer he can't refuse and moves everyone to the city - where everything is turned upside down...

DMAG Score:

★★★½★ - Another

winner!

See it if you liked:

*Daddy Day Care*



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## **BROTHER BEAR**

**Out:** 26th December  
**Rated:** G  
**Stars:** (voice) Joaquin Phoenix

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about the curse of life.

### **DMAG Score:**

★★★ – We especially like the mooses!  
See it if you liked:

*The Lion King*

## **SPY KIDS 3D**

**Out:** 1st January  
**Rated:** PG  
**Stars:** Antonio Banderas, Sylvester Stallone

Carmen is caught in a virtual reality game designed by the kids' new

arch enemy – the Toymaker. It's up to him to save his sister (and the world of course).

### **DMAG Score:**

★★★★ – The 3D effects are totally awesome.

See it if you liked:  
*Agent Cody Banks*.

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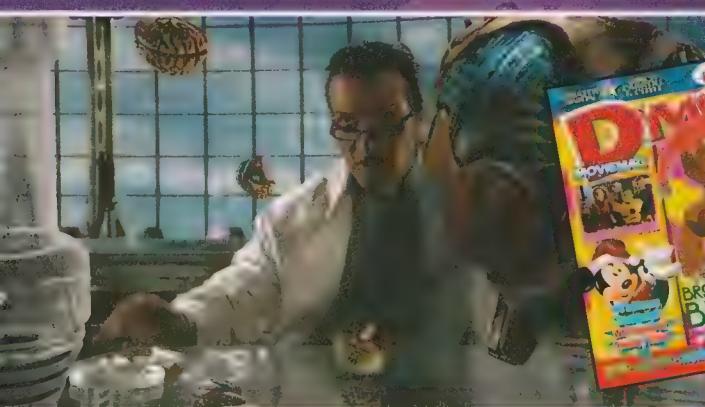
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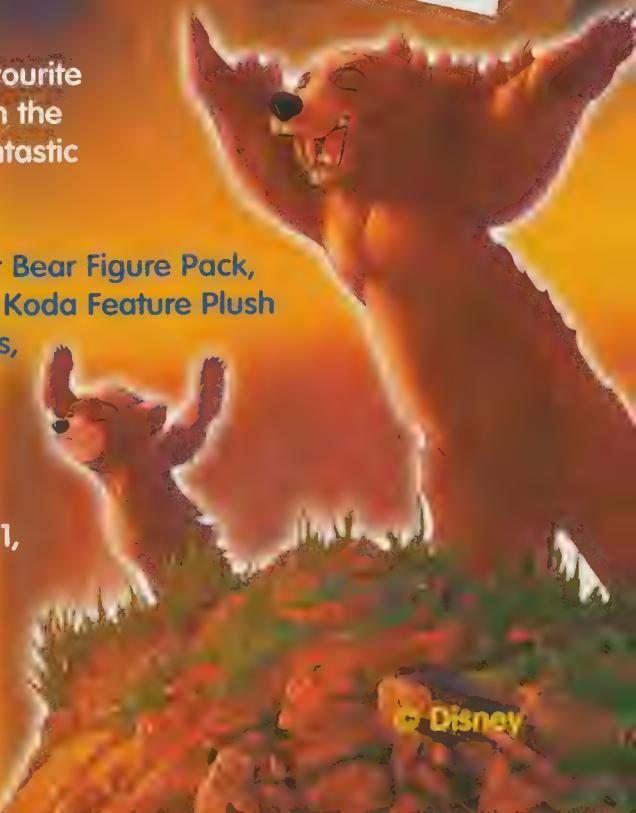
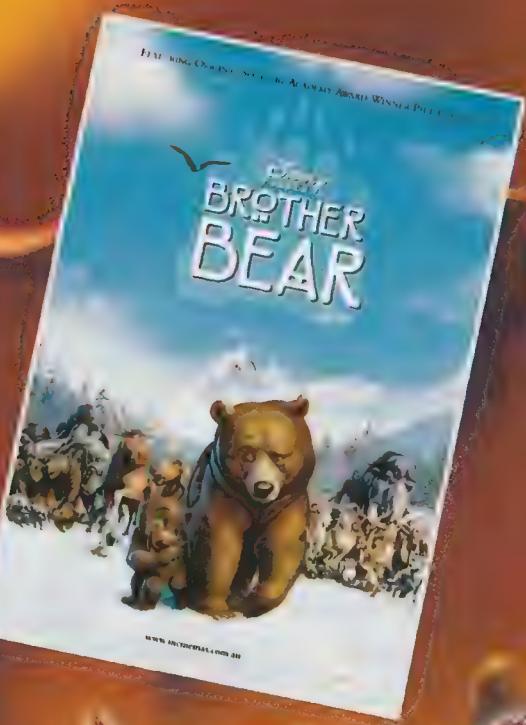
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**DMAG: Are you going to do more?**

John: Yes we'll probably have one or two more league events next year.

**DMAG: How many kids participated?**

John: Every store was booked out. We couldn't

accommodate any walk-ins off the street, we had to ask kids to register for the following week ... we probably had 1500 kids each weekend.

**DMAG: What was the best thing about it?**

John: It taught gameplay because all the instructors were taught how to play the game. And hey, it frustrated the hell out of the parents because they didn't understand it. I think it was great to see kids meeting each other.

**DMAG: Did you learn how to play yourself?**

John: No there were just too many characters, there were so many monsters.

**DMAG: Was there a character that stood out?**

John: I know the names Joey and Pegasus came up a lot ... the kids know much more than adults could ever hope to know.

**And what did you guys think?**

"It was cool - I'm definitely coming back next week!" - Matt, 11

"Totally awesome!" - Favour, 6

"It was excellent! I was really overwhelmed!" - Tim, 11

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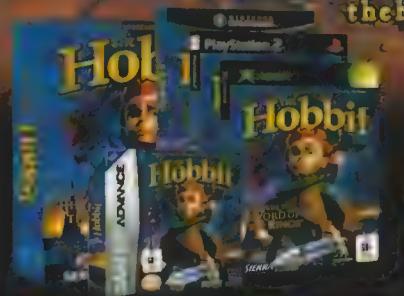
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# GOSS

**Kelly Osbourne has recorded a duet with her dad Ozzy. The single**

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**originally a hit for her dad when he played in the band Black Sabbath in 1972.**

**50 Cent is touring with rappers G Unit and Obie Trice. He's playing in Melbourne.**

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really care  
But I see right through you  
and I think  
To myself

### CHORUS

You're just so predictable  
In every way  
I want you to know I know  
your game  
It's so unbelievable  
how you never change  
you won't get away  
with loving me  
you're just as predictable

### VERSE

You say you won't give up the  
chase  
You say you'll follow me  
anyplace

I smile  
You say I take your breath  
away  
You say you love me and you  
make  
All the right promises to  
break  
And when I turn around  
you're always there

So you can make the same  
mistakes  
You know just what to do  
And how to use the best of  
you

To try and change my mind  
But my eyes are opening this  
time  
And I read you

### CHORUS

Now that I know your every  
move  
Now you gonna have hairy  
what you gonna do  
Now that somebody knows  
the truth  
About you and how you're  
just as...

### CHORUS

WORD

# the Saddle Club

Pals Page

Check out this month's fantastic drawings and letters. If you have a colourful drawing, a story or question about horses send it to us today! Every letter or drawing printed will receive a Saddle Club or Pony Tails book.

**Dear DMAG,**

Hi, my names Rachel and I'm a total fan of *The Saddle Club* and crazy about horses. I hope you like my picture. I love your magazine and I think DMAG rocks.

**Rachel Bryant, 11, Qld**



**Jeanette Roughley 11, NSW**

**Dear DMAG,**

Hello my name is Zoe and I'm eight. My favourite show is *The Saddle Club* and my favourite character is Lisa because I look like her. On Saturdays I go horse riding and the horse I ride is called Val. Recently I was in a competition for dressage.

**From Zoe Watson, 8, Qld**



**Emma Austin, Qld**



## What I want for Christmas...

We asked some of *The Saddle Club* girls what they wanted for Christmas:

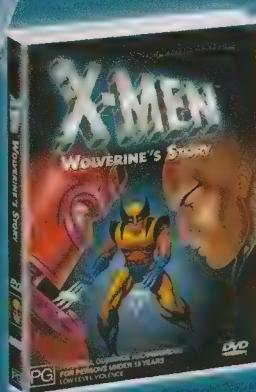
- Jess Jacobs (a.k.a. Melaniel): A haircut, a new discman and a phone
- Janelle Corlass Brown (a.k.a. Ashley): My family together
- Kia Luby (a.k.a. Kristi): A knee-board (it's like a wake-board only you're on your knees)
- Lara Marshall (a.k.a. Lisa): To redecorate my room

What do we want for Christmas? The latest Saddle Club CD - *Friends Forever!*



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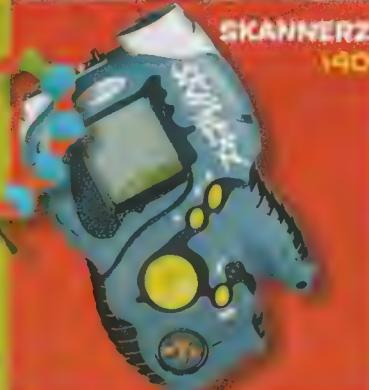
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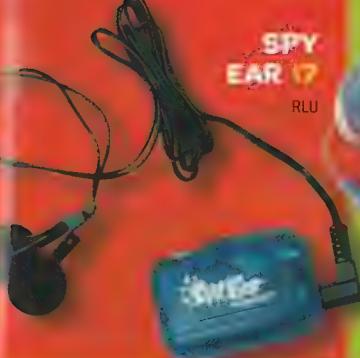
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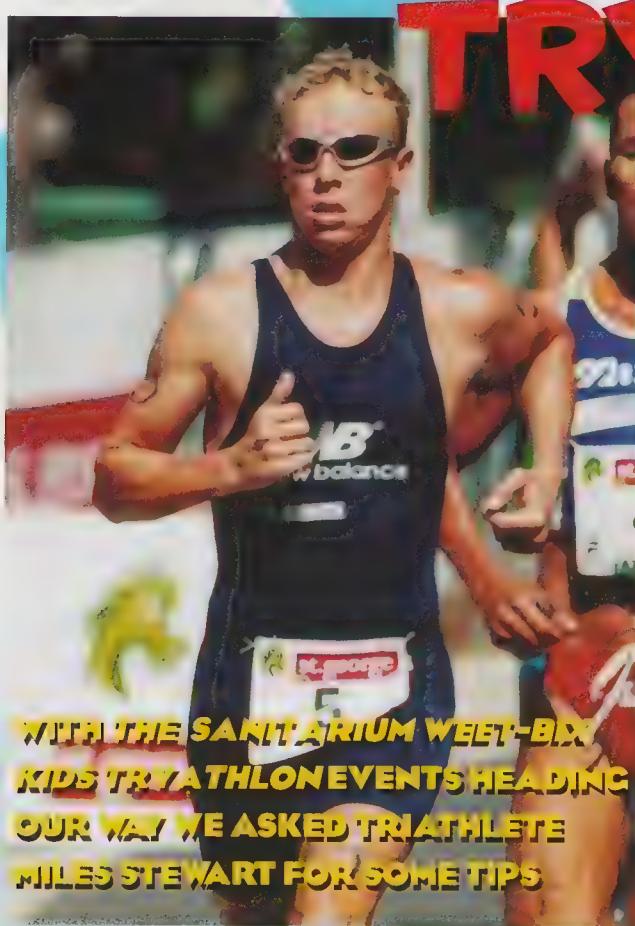


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**DMAG: What tips do you have for kids when they're racing?**

Miles: Just concentrate on what you're doing and not what's going on around you. You always want to run fast when there's a crowd there but you can't go flat out the whole way. The key is to go the right pace so you don't have to slow down.

**DMAG: What does a triathlon involve?**

Miles: A 1.5km swim, a 40km bike ride and a 10km run.

## TRY ON

**DMAG: What's the hardest leg of the race?**

Miles: I think the runs are always hardest because they are the last event and by the time you get there you're normally fairly tired.

**DMAG: What's your strength?**

Miles: I like bike riding because I came from cycling.

**DMAG: What has been the hardest race to do?**

Miles: I did a race in Japan, it was 38 degrees and 100 per cent humidity, it was so hot, there was no shade on the course. We ran beside the river and a lot of people were just running off the course and jumping in the river just to get away from the heat. I'm looking at the river going 'Don't look at the River'.

**DMAG: What has been your strangest racing experience?**

Miles: I did a race in Lapland

## FAST FACTS

**NAME:** Miles Stewart

**SPORT:** Triathlon

**BORN:** 1971

**LIVES:** Queensland

**CAREER HIGHLIGHT:**

"The Olympic Games in Sydney. I got sixth overall it was just awesome ... we had over 300,000 people watching and cheering for us."

# A TRIATHLON

which was 250km above the Arctic Circle and we had to stop because there were these reindeer crossing the road so we had to wait for these reindeer to move.

### DMAG: What warm up do you do before a race?

Miles: On the morning of the race I normally run about 2-3km and ride 10-15km and then swim about 400-500m to warm up. That's about three times as long as a kids' TRYathlon - so kids - don't try this!

### DMAG: What sort of training schedule do you have?

Miles: A normal week is about 30km a week swimming, 500km a week on the bike and 80-100km running.

I train six days a week and have one day off.

### DMAG: What would you eat in a typical day?

Miles: Cereal - Weet-Bix - for breakfast, then I have



sandwiches for lunch, pasta, chicken, meat and vegetables for dinner. I snack during the day, mainly on fruit.

### DMAG: When did you start competing?

Miles: When I was 15. My teacher was a race promoter and he said 'why don't you come down and give a triathlon a go?' He knew I swam and was competing in cross-country at school and racing bikes.

### DMAG: For kids that aren't strong swimmers

### what do you advise?

Miles: Swimming is quite important, it's something that you learn quickly when you're young and it is very difficult to pick up when you're older. If you're looking at being a triathlete then swimming school is very important because between the ages of 10-15 you really get your stroke. Once you have it, you have it for life. If you don't have it you pretty much don't have it for life.

### DMAG: Will kids competing in the TRYathlon

### get to meet you?

Miles: Yes I will be at a few of them. I did the one up at Noosa - I handed out medals with Kieran Perkins and then every single kid - there were about 350 of them - came up and we signed their shirts.

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## TA TA TARANTULAS

**N**ative tarantulas are under threat, mainly from pet shops selling them as 'bird-eating spiders'. While some Australian tarantulas are found in trees and could eat nesting birds, most of the ones sold in pet shops are likely to have lived in burrows and eaten insects and the occasional frog or lizard. Dr Robert Raven, a spider expert at the Queensland museum, is concerned that some pet shops are selling rare tarantulas that haven't even been named and are new to science. And with about 10,000 tarantulas being sold each year, he's worried some species may become extinct. The tarantula shown here, otherwise known as the whistling spider, makes a whistling or hissing noise and grows to 20cm across – aaagh! Its bite won't kill you but it will be painful.



Illustration Kevin Stead, Australian Geographic

## Ask Ranger Mick

**W**ill a python bite me? What should I do with my tadpoles? Do echidnas eat bull ants? If you have a wildlife question then we have the person to answer it. Ranger Mick from The Australian Reptile Park works with all sorts of animals – from crocodiles to frogs, wombats to Tassie devils. If you have a question for him, email [askmick@dmag.com.au](mailto:askmick@dmag.com.au) or write to Ask Ranger Mick, PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084.



Illustration Ego Guidotto, Australian Geographic

# GECKO GOING

The Gulbaru gecko was only discovered in 2001 but it looks like it is soon going to disappear. This large, mottled brown, prickly gecko grows to a length of 13cm. It is only found in an area of 14 square kilometres in Queensland. And it looks like its habitat is dwindling. Conrad Hoskin, a student at the University of Queensland, discovered the gecko when he was searching at night and saw a pair of red eyes glowing in the dark. The Gulbaru gecko has no eyelids and has to moisten its eyes with its tongue.



Courtesy/Conrad Hoskin

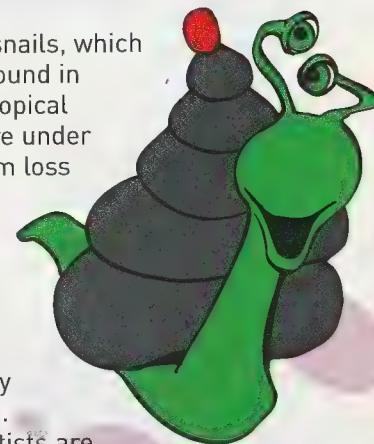
## Flying to paradise

The beautiful buff-breasted paradise-kingfisher flies between Australia and New Guinea twice a year but no one knows why. The habitat and climate at both places is very similar, so why go to all the effort? The birds have long streamer-like feathers from their tail and this would make flying harder. Sarah Legge, from the Australian National University is hoping to find out why they migrate. *Australian Geographic* has just sponsored her research – so hopefully we'll soon have some answers.



## Snails save lives

One snails, which are found in shallow tropical waters, are under threat from loss of habitat and people collecting the beautiful shells they live in. Scientists are worried the snails will disappear before they fully understand some of the unique chemicals they make. One of them, conotoxin, has been shown to be effective in the diagnosis and possible treatment of lung cancer.



# Dragon's breath

**BAD BREATH. THAT'S WHAT MODERN-DAY DRAGONS KILL WITH. THESE AREN'T YOUR FANCY FIRE-BREATHING DRAGONS FROM LEGENDS OF OLD. BUT THEY ARE REAL. AND THEY'RE SMELLY.**

All right, Komodo dragons don't really kill with their breath but they almost do. Here are the facts:

- a Komodo has bad breath
- the bad breath is caused by over 50 types of bacteria that live in its mouth
- when the dragon bites it leaves behind this bacteria
- if not treated, the bacteria usually kills the prey within 72 hours.

Komodos live in Indonesia, on the islands of Komodo, Rinca and Flores, though they do swim and have been known to visit other



islands. So if you're on one of these islands and have been bitten it's time to worry. Here's why:

- Komodos will hunt you down - they are very patient. Like other reptiles they don't need to eat very often. They've been known to stay in the same spot for days waiting for their

prey

- they're not scared of humans
- they're BIG! They can grow up to 3m long and weigh 100kg. They're the largest lizards in the world
- they can smell rotting flesh from miles off.

Of course if you're bitten, you might not be killed by infections caused by the bacteria. You could be killed by other means. A Komodo's first bite, (which will usually be on the leg, it being a short creature), might actually bring you down. Here's what could happen then:

- it could rip into you with its teeth, which are up to 17mm long and serrated like a carving knife

## FAST FACTS

**NAME:** Komodo dragon, locals call it Ora

**LIVES:** Indonesian Islands

**EATS:** Meat. Will also eat rotting meat and bones

**REPRODUCES:** Females lay 20 to 40 eggs in a nest in the ground. After about 8 months, 40cm long young hatch and have to fend for themselves.

- it could tear you with its claws, which are driven by powerful leg muscles
- it could rip off and swallow large chunks of meat - it's able to open its jaws unusually wide
- it could eat all of you in one hit. Very, very quickly.

An adult Komodo can eat a staggering 80 per cent of its body weight in a single meal. An adult male weighs up to 100kg. That means it could eat an 80kg person in one sitting. And they eat fast. A small female of only 50kg was

recorded eating a 17kg boar in 17 minutes.

Terry Boylan is a Senior Herpetofauna keeper at Taronga Zoo in Sydney. He looks after a male Komodo, named Tuka,

## **"A Komodo can eat up to 80 per cent of its body weight in a single meal"**

from the island off Flores. Terry has visited Komodo and seen plenty of dragons. Here's what Terry says about them:

- "Komodos are so sure of themselves they'll just stand their ground

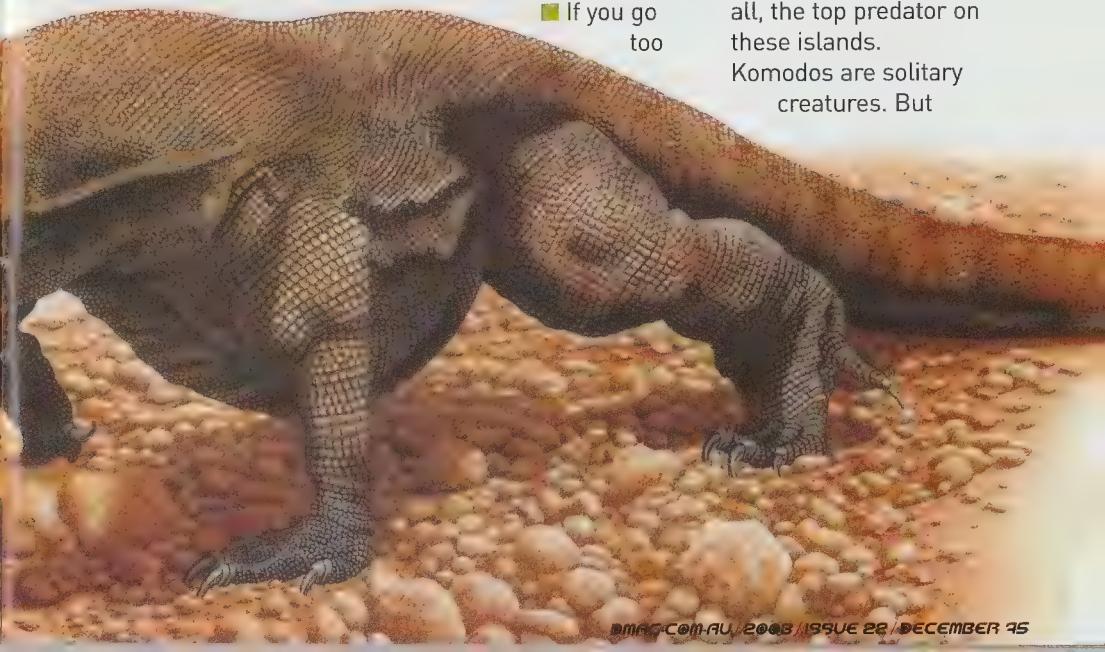
- If you go too

close to them they'll arch their backs and walk stiffly on their legs. It's quite frightening to see

- If you don't move away, the next thing they'll do is give a short charge and if you're still in the way,

they'll fight. That's the most amazing thing, they're just completely fearless."

Like mythical dragons, Komodos are covered in scales. Embedded beneath the scales are tiny pieces of bone called osteoderms. Crocodiles have these too. But why do they need this protection? They are, after all, the top predator on these islands. Komodos are solitary creatures. But





**A Komodo smells with its tongue, which is long and forked and picks up airborne 'smell' molecules. This fellow, Tuka, is at Taronga Zoo in Sydney.**

sometimes they meet – say over a particularly yummy carcass – and then things get a little crazy. Here's why one Komodo might attack another:

- Male Komodos fight each other over the females. Using their tails for support, they wrestle in an upright position. Sooner or later blood is drawn
- Males often bite the females when they are mating, which occurs between May and August
- Older Komodos eat – or cannibalise – younger Komodos.

Scientists are very

interested in the Komodo's blood. That's because, despite getting bitten by other Komodo's with all their nasty bacteria, they don't die like other creatures. So scientists suspect that they might have special antibodies, which fight disease, in their blood, and these might be of use to humans.

And yes, Komodos have eaten humans in the past. But you don't need to worry about that. Here's why:

- Komodos

aren't native to Australia so you're not likely to run into one

■ The islands they live on are very remote, so if you're going to them, you'll be prepared to meet Komodos

■ If you do bump into one you can RUN away. Komodos can only run at 20km/hour over a few metres – you could easily beat them

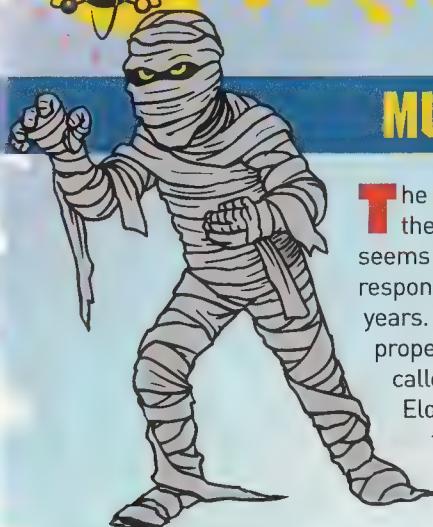
And if you do meet one, count yourself as lucky.

Komodos are endangered, there are only 5,000 left in the world. So who cares if they have bad breath? It's one of the things that makes them unique. Now if you had bad breath ... well that would be another story.



**If you'd like to find out more about Komodo dragons then grab this fabulous book, *Zoo Album*. It's full of great facts and beautiful illustrations – including the one shown on the previous page.**

# WEIRD SCIENCE



## MUMMY MYSTERY SOLVED

**T**he mystery of how the Ancient Egyptians mummified their dead has at last been solved by scientists. It seems a mixture made with sap from the cedar tree was responsible for preserving the dead bodies for thousands of years. The chemists decided to investigate the cedar's properties when they read about an embalming ointment called cedrium in a work by an ancient Roman, Pliny the Elder. As well as carrying out a chemical analysis, they tested the cedar mixtures on pork ribs – that's one meal we won't be eating!

## WATERING THE MOBILE

**M**obile phones that run on water? That's what scientists are talking about since they've discovered a new method of generating electrical power. By pumping water through tiny glass tubes, scientists were able to power a light bulb. The glass container took on a tiny electric charge and the water took on the opposite charge. Scientists are excited because most of our electricity is generated from fuels that are running out and are environmentally unfriendly.



## To infinity - and beyond!



**27** years ago Voyager 1 was launched into space. Now it's the most distant man-made object from Earth and is at the outer limits of the Solar System, a mere 13.5 billion kilometres away. It carries greetings in 55 languages and pictures showing life on Earth. The technology carrying the greetings – a golden gramophone record – is already outdated by Earth standards. But with the nearest solar system another 40,000 years away, we expect it to be totally outdated by the time it reaches anything else. Given the spacecraft was only meant to survive five years in space it's doing pretty well.

# how to scrape

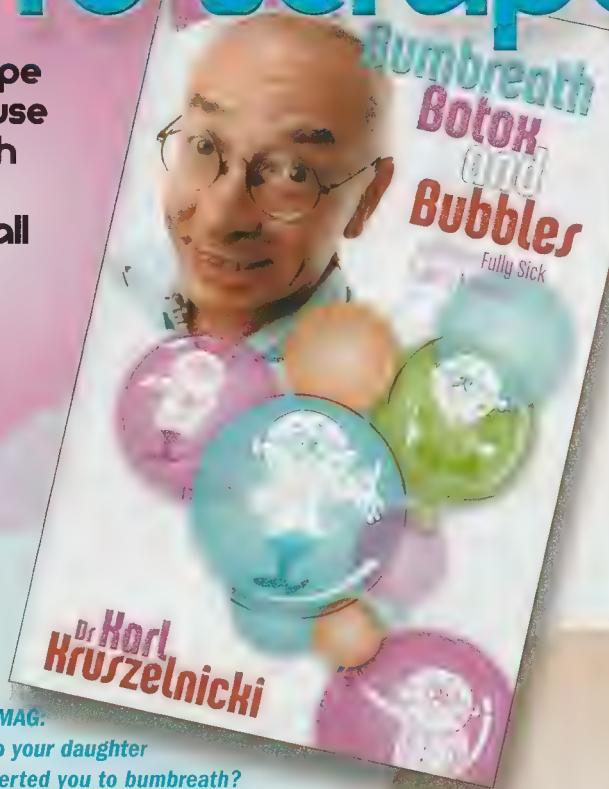
why would you scrape your tongue? because you have bumbreath that's why! dr karl Kruszelnicki told us all about it when we discussed his new book **bumbreath Botox and bubbles**.

**DMAG:** What is a greater threat to mankind – botox or bumbreath?

**Dr Karl:** Well on one hand botox is probably one of the most potent neuro-toxins ever developed and it's amazing you can squirt it into people's faces and it doesn't kill them ... botox kills lots of people via food poisoning... but bum breath probably effects the happiness of the world more.

**DMAG:**  
So your daughter alerted you to bumbreath?

**Dr Karl:** Yes when she came



into the bed and said 'hey dad you smell like a bum...'

It's not just me it's every human being on the planet because we all generate 1-1.5 litres of saliva during the day. This saliva slows down during the night and then the bacteria on your tongue grow like crazy and they generate lots of chemicals. There are three main ones, and they almost qualify as weapons of mass destruction. When they started working with them they found



# your tongue

they couldn't collect them in glass because they ate through glass - you need a pretty industrial grade chemical to eat through glass!

## **DMAG: Is there a cure to bumblebreath?**

**Dr Karl:** The cure is easy. All you have to do is brush your tongue. Brushing your teeth is good for your teeth but it does nothing for bumblebreath. You have to brush your tongue for about a minute a day when you get up and before you go to bed. All you have to use is water. You have to physically remove the bacteria.

## **DMAG: We have a page in DMAG called So Gross and readers send in their questions - one of the main ones is 'why is poo brown'?**

**Dr Karl:** Why is poo brown? That's really weird isn't it because food comes in green, white, yellow - but always

### **WHO IS DR KARL?**

Dr Karl used to be a scientist, engineer and doctor. Now he's our fave science guru - you can hear him on radio, read one of his great books or checkout his website [www.abc.net.au/science/k2](http://www.abc.net.au/science/k2)

## **DR KARL'S PREDICTIONS**

**These are what Dr Karl predicts will happen in the lifetimes of the kids reading DMAG:**

- 1) Computers will get so small that all of the information generated in the entire history of the human will be able to be stored in something smaller than a grain of sand.
- 2) The kids who are reading this today will be the first generation to live forever ... they will live for 500 to 5,000 in a healthy 8 to 25 year old body ... and they will be in good health for all that time.
- 3) We will have a better way of getting into space, the way we get into space now, sucks. What they do is get a metal cylinder, they fill it with explosives, they put the human beings at the pointy end, they light the wick and if it doesn't explode, eight minutes later they're into space. It has a failure rate of about one per cent - not very good. To get into orbit, they burn about 3,000 tonnes of fuel and then when they come back they waste all that energy as heat. Wouldn't it be nice to work out how to store that energy, not as heat but in some sort of battery and then to use that energy to lift you up next time?
- 4) We'll do amazing things in engineering as we learn to marry the very small with the very large ... There are nanofibres, nanotubes that are incredibly strong and we can grow them using DNA technology. So our knowledge of genetics will help us make very small structures to put together to make very big structures. So for instance we could put together a ladder to take us into space.

comes out brown or black. The reason is because it is filled with broken down red blood cells, which have a life of about 120 days. Most things in your

body are recycled, but some things can't be. The liver and the gall bladder take some of those things out and one is the dye that makes faeces brown.



# SEARCHING FOR SANTA

EVER FANCIED A  
TRIP TO THE NORTH  
POLE? ERIC PHILIPS  
HAS BEEN DREAMING  
ABOUT IT SINCE HE

**WAS A KID. AT 40 HE  
DID IT. WE ASKED HIM  
ALL ABOUT IT.**

**DMAG:** *Why did you go on this expedition?*

**ERIC:** I went because I have a passion for and interest in ice-adventuring. I didn't have much experience in travelling on pack ice (frozen sea) and a walk across the frozen Arctic Ocean to the North Pole seemed like a good way of learning about it.

**DMAG:** *What was the highlight?*

**ERIC:** The highlight was the first couple of weeks of the expedition, when the very low sun (almost like a permanent sunset) washed the ice with beautiful colours and shadows.

**DMAG:** *How did you feel when you saw a polar bear?*

**ERIC:** Jon and I were both very frightened at first because polar bears are the largest land-living carnivore on the planet. That means, **BIG, MEAT EATING** and **HUNGRY**. Once we settled down and prepared ourselves with things to scare it away we relaxed and watched

it with a great deal of nervous interest. It came very close but we managed to frighten it. It was an amazing experience, both scary and enriching.

**DMAG:** *What other wildlife did you see?*

**ERIC:** We saw about six seals during the trip, usually only their heads poking through a crack in the ice, and some birds.

Oh, and Jon is pretty wild too!

**DMAG:** *Describe a typical day...*

**ERIC:** Wake up at 5am (groan!) and poke my head and arms out of the sleeping

**"In our  
sleeping bag  
we have a  
pee-bottle ...  
after you fill it  
up, it makes a  
good hot-  
water bottle!"**

### ERIC'S TOP FIVE CONCERNS

- Going through the ice
- Coping with the cold and his frostbitten fingers
- Whether his family was OK back in Australia
- Polar bears
- Whether he could make it to the North Pole before his supplies ran out

bag. Look at the thermometer (usually around -30 degrees C) then light the stove and put a pot of iceblocks on it to melt water. Say 'good morning' to Jon then pour hot water from a thermos (prepared the previous night) for coffee. Check the GPS for our position and see

sleds/kayaks. Let's say it's Day 45. We clip into the harness, check our compass for direction, then start pulling our sleds across the ice towards the North Pole for four hours, without a rest, eating pig fat which we keep in our pockets.

### WHERE DID THEY GO?



Eric Philips and Jon Muir trekked almost 1000km to reach the Geographic North Pole. The thick ice covering the North Pole overlies the 3000m deep waters of the Arctic Ocean - so you wouldn't want to fall through it!

how far we have drifted overnight, as we are on frozen ocean and the ice surface gets pushed around by the wind and currents. Eat a breakfast of porridge with olive oil and butter then get dressed, crawl out of the tent into the Arctic ice landscape, pack up camp and put everything into our

We have 20 minutes break and cram in as much food and drink as we can. Then another four hours, 20 minutes break, another four hours. On the way we deal with pressure ridges, lanes of open water called leads, numb or frozen fingers and toes, and ice sticking to our eye-lashes. Find a suitable campsite behind an iceblock,

set up camp, crawl in, get in our sleeping bags, light the stove, check our position, cook and eat dinner, chat away if we feel like it, write in our diaries, then crawl into our sleeping bags, close the hood above our heads and sleeaaaaaaaaap. Then do it all again the next day, and the next, and the next...

**DMAG:** *How did you go to the Pole?*

**ERIC:** Boys have it easy I guess. In our sleeping bags we have a pee bottle, which, after you fill it up, makes a good hot water bottle. Number two's are more difficult. We go outside and have everything prepared - location, zips, toilet paper - then do it AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!

**DMAG:** *How did you get around?*

**ERIC:** We used skis on our feet or just walked in boots when the surface was firm, towing our sleds like trailers. Sometimes we used our sleds as kayaks to paddle across leads of water. That was scary but effective.

**DMAG:** *How far would you travel each day?*

**ERIC:** We averaged about 20km a day, our best day was nearly 40km, our worst day, about 3km.

**DMAG:** *What was the hardest part?*

**ERIC:** The hardest part was coping with the cold. I got frostbite on my fingers on Day



**Accommodation was on a grand scale.**

19 and had to live with that for another 41 days before we reached the Pole.

**DMAG:** *Did you ever feel like quitting?*

**ERIC:** We never thought of quitting but we did realise that at times we might not make it and that we had to move faster.

**DMAG:** *What went through your mind when Jon fell through the ice?*

**ERIC:** I did think there was a

chance that he could drown because he had skis strapped to his feet and poles on his hands. His face was a picture of terror and I still see that face in my mind now. I threw him a rope and he grabbed it and lunged through the ice to

## DID YOU KNOW

The Geographic North Pole, which is a fixed point used for drawing maps, is 900km from the Magnetic North Pole, which is where the magnetic field is vertically downwards.



No sign of a polar bear. I had seen one later in the trip.

Eric is under there somewhere... it was so cold his breath would freeze instantly.

the edge where I was standing. I hauled him out then we quickly camped to dry out. It took three days.

**DMAG:** You took a lot of equipment - in hindsight was there anything you could have left behind?

**ERIC:** We could have left our kites behind. We had intended to use them to pull us across the ice, as I have done in Greenland, Antarctica and Patagonia, but it didn't work out this time.

**DMAG:** Or anything else you would have taken?

**ERIC:** More chocolate!

**DMAG:** The food you took was full of fat - why?

**ERIC:** Fat provides you with the most calories or kilojoules per gram, and calories give you energy to move and stay warm. We needed over 7500 calories each per day, that's the equivalent of more than two bottles of olive oil every day.

**DMAG:** How did you stomach all that fat?

**ERIC:** It was difficult to get used to the fat, but we slowly did. Everything that came out of our bodies was very oily (you get what I mean).

**DMAG:** How did you get back from the North Pole?

**ERIC:** We were picked up by helicopter and taken to a floating base station where we then flew on a plane back to Siberia, then Moscow, then home.

**DMAG:** Are you planning another adventure?

**ERIC:** I am planning more adventures. Back to Antarctica, to Russia, anywhere where there is lots of ice.

**DMAG:** What skills do you need to go on an adventure like yours?

**ERIC:** Here are the top five elements you need for any adventure:

1. **Clarity.** Having a clear understanding of why you want to go and how to go about it.
2. **Creativity.** The ability to apply your skills, improvise and solve problems.
3. **Conviction.** A firm belief that it can be done, particularly when nothing seems to be going right.
4. **Cooperation.** Working as a team.
5. **Conservatism.** Minimising the risk and understanding that life is more important than success.

**DMAG:** As a kid did you dream about this sort of thing?

**ERIC:** I dreamed of this sort of thing ever since I could remember dreams. I dreamed of white wildernesses and challenging adventures.

**DMAG:** Was there any sign of Santa?

**ERIC:** I had asked Santa for a freezer for Christmas and figured I could save him the delivery by collecting it, but never found him. He was probably still sleeping after the busy Christmas season. I'm sure he's out there, somewhere...

# SUMMER SINGERS

By Angie Hubbard

## BLACK PRINCE, DOUBLE DRUMMER, FLOURY BAKER, GREENGROCER ... DO THESE NAMES SOUND FAMILIAR?

**C**icadas are so fascinating that initially it was children who gave them their names, and as a result they probably have the most colours common names in the insect world. For years kids have climbed trees to find cicadas for pets, because they are considered harmless. But one thing cicadas can irritate is your ears.

### Let's get loud

Cicadas are the loudest insects in the world, and surprisingly, while you're knocking your ears, they're blocking theirs. When a male sings, it creates its tympana (the like part) so that it won't be deafened by its

own noise.

The somewhat annoying song is a mating call made only by male cicadas to attract females.

Their song is also often heard in chorus, which frightens birds and other predators, and makes it difficult for them to locate a single cicada.

But their singing isn't heard for long, as cicadas only live a few weeks above the ground.

### An underground life

An adult female cicada lays about 500 eggs into plant stems that she pierces with her ovipositor (egg-laying spike at the tip of the abdomen). The eggs hatch into small, wingless cicadas, which are known as nymphs. These

## CROSS WORD

Have you ever felt drops of rain on a very sunny day? Don't worry you haven't gone crazy, it was probably a cicada going to the toilet. They squirt out a clear watery waste when they feed.

On my hill the ground is bare. I live in the surface where I live on sap from plant roots for around six or seven years. It is around this time of year that cicadas begin to surface. When the nymph reaches its full size it digs its way to the surface with its front legs that are specially made for digging. It generally surfaces about nightfall in late spring or early summer. The nymph then

## FAST FACTS

NAME:	Cicada
WINGSPAN:	15cm
PERIOD:	17 years
LIVES:	100 days
FOOD:	Plant sap

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combs onto the bark of a tree where it sheds its skin for the last time, revealing a fully winged adult cicada.

### Eyes for you

As well as having good voices, cicadas also have very good **eyesight**. They have **large compound eyes**, situated on the side of their heads, that allow them to see both left and right at the same time. They can also see very well at night. On top of their head they have three **small ocelli**, which allow them to see above their head.

So, why do they have **stubby** eyes? Well, not only do they have them, but they don't use them to see with. They use them to hear with.



As its newly opened wings dry, a green grocer cicada hangs from the tree. It has just come out of its skin.

# MUSICAL 'TOONS

WANT TO MAKE  
YOUR OWN  
INSTRUMENTS  
THAT WILL PLAY  
COOL 'TOONS?  
THEN TRY THIS  
EXPERIMENT.



## What you need

Drinking Straws, a pair of scissors and an adult to help you.

## What to do

Flatten the end of one of the straws. Ask your adult helper to cut the two corners of the flattened straw to make a sharp point, just like an upside down V.

Put this pointed end of the straw in your mouth, press your lips gently together and blow. It might take a bit of practise to get a sound but keep trying. You have just made your own musical instrument!

Take some more straws and



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get your adult helper to make the same upside down V shape. Also get your helper to cut each of the straws shorter. Play each straw and compare the sound of the short straw to the long straw.

## What's happening?

The pointy upside down V shape acts like a reed. Musical instruments that you might have seen with a reed include a clarinet or an oboe. When you blow on the 'reed' it vibrates which in turn vibrates the column of air in the straw. We hear this vibrating air as sound. A shorter straw has a shorter column of air to vibrate which means shorter wavelengths and therefore higher pitch in sound.

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# Beep beep!

**THE ROADRUNNER – IS IT A BRIGHT BLUE BIRD THAT GOES 'BEEP, BEEP'? DOES IT MOVE SO FAST ITS LEGS ARE A BLUR? IS IT ABLE TO OUTWIT THE SMARTEST COYOTE? IN CARTOON LAND IT CAN. IN REAL LIFE IT'S A BIT DIFFERENT AS DMAG FOUND OUT...**



Y es roadrunners do exist. They live in the deserts of Mexico and south-western US. They're quite a bit smaller than the cartoon birds

though, growing to 30cm high. And they're not blue – they're mottled brown, black and white birds.

But they do run very fast. So fast that their

legs appear as a blur – just like in the cartoons. They've been clocked at 30km per hour, which isn't bad for something so short. And they do run along – or beside – the road in a comical gait.

Roadrunners run fast but they can't fly. They'll spread their short wings and make a few jumps, or glide down from a cactus but that's about it.

## **SNAKE EATER**

The roadrunner eats insects, spiders, lizards, small mammals and

## **FAST FACTS**

<b>NAME:</b> Roadrunner
<b>LIVES:</b> Deserts of Mexico and south-western US
<b>WEIGHT:</b> Up to 400 grams
<b>HEIGHT:</b> Up to 30cm
<b>LENGTH:</b> Up to 60cm
<b>EATS:</b> Insects, lizards, small mammals, snakes
<b>LIFESPAN:</b> 7-8 years
<b>OFFSPRING:</b> 3-5 eggs laid once or twice a year. Only 3-4 chicks usually survive.



## DID YOU KNOW

If the snake the roadrunner has caught is too long, it will swallow as much of the snake as it can and leave the rest dangling out of its mouth as it walks around. Over the next few hours the roadrunner will slowly swallow the snake as it digests it.

snakes – including the deadly rattlesnake, which hardly any other creature eats. It snaps up coiled rattlesnakes by the tail and then repeatedly slams the snake's head on the ground until it is dead.

Most of the bird's day

Meet the real roadrunner... and yes, they do run along roads.

is spent foraging for food and avoiding being food. And despite what we see in the cartoons, it isn't on the coyote's menu. It's just too fast and too small for a coyote to bother with.



## SAME SHAPE DIFFERENT SOUND

Like the cartoon bird, it has a long tail and a head crest, which it moves up and down. And it does have quite a long beak, which it uses to snap up its prey.

Its legs aren't quite the proportions shown in the cartoon though. The cartoon version looks like it might be related to an ostrich, but the real bird is a member of the cuckoo family.

And while the cartoon roadrunner makes a trademark 'beep, beep!' that sounds like a car horn, the real version makes six to eight, low, dove-like coos.

So even though it's not quite as depicted in the cartoons, the real roadrunner is quite an interesting bird. Maybe you'll see one in your travels!

# SO GROSS!

## WHAT IS DANDRUFF MADE OF?

Dandruff is made up of dead skin cells, oil and sometimes dirt. Millions of skin cells are shed every day from all over your body, even from your scalp. You also have oil-making glands at the base of the hair follicles on your scalp. Sometimes these glands get aggravated and make too much oil. This can cause the skin flakes to clump together to form white flakes or 'dandruff'. Everyone has dandruff to some degree. It can be aggravated by not washing enough or washing too much, by stress or by infections. But the main thing to know is that it is not contagious.

Question from Sarah Siebenhausen, Qld.

## WHY DO COWS REGURGITATE THEIR FOOD?

Cows regurgitate – or spew up and re-swallow – their food in order to digest it. Humans can't digest grass but cows, thanks to their four stomachs and their spewing trick, can. When the grass is swallowed it goes into a chamber (one of the four 'stomachs') where it is mixed with bacteria. Then it moves to another area where the bacteria grows rapidly, feeding on the grass. Hours later, the cow regurgitates the mixture, called cud, chews it for a while, and then swallows it again, diverting it into the third then fourth chambers. All this is so it can break down the proteins and carbohydrates in the grass. But most of what it ends up eating is bacteria.

Question from April Prime, NT

## DO BIRDS WEE?

They do and they don't. Unlike most other animals, a bird wees – or urinates – through the same opening that poo – or faeces – comes out of. This means that things can get mixed up a bit. Also, bird droppings have a third component called urates, which is a cream-coloured waste product produced in the kidneys. So the white part of bird droppings is urates, the brown part is faeces and the liquid part is wee.

Question from Stephanie Zhu, NSW



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## KANDULA: AN ELEPHANT STORY



This is the story of baby Kandula, an Asian elephant that was born in a Washington Zoo. From his amazing birth to his battle with a deadly virus, this is gripping TV. Kandula doesn't realise he's the centre of attention though and cavorts happily at the zoo. Gorgeous!

**Animal Planet, 15 December at 6.00pm.**

## Marathon Madness!

Fox Kids is running some mega-marathons this month!

The marathons are:

**Dinosaurs**, 1-5th;

**Clueless**, 8-12th; **7th**

**Heaven Series 5**, 15-18th and **Sailor Moon** 22-24th.

**Fox Kids**. All run

**9.00am-5.00pm in Dec.**

## YAKKITY YAK

If you missed this kooky cartoon about a wisecracking yak who dreams of becoming a famous comedian, then here's your chance to see it. This could be as big as *SpongeBob* one day!

**Nickelodeon, during SN:TV Saturdays from 6 December at 10.00am.**

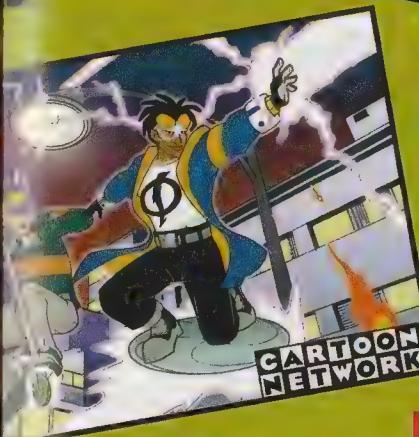
## BOUNTY HAMSTER

Marion is a cute blue hamster who hates being called 'cute'. After all, he was raised by ferocious animals, wears an eyepatch and has a rough voice - he's not 'cute'! He'll do just about anything to prove how tough he is, including taking on a bounty hunter job for Cassie, a young teenager who has lost her parents. Set in outer space this is super wacky sci-fi - of course we love it.

**ABC TV**

**weekdays at 4.55pm.**





## Starter School

It's an all-new series of this cool cartoon. Virgil Hawkins, a smart and funny teenager transforms into a new kind of superhero - or perhaps we should say urban legend - after being exposed to a strange gas that gives him electromagnetic powers.

Cartoon Network from 1 December weekdays at 8.00am.



## MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT

CG - or 'cyborg' as she likes to be known - is just a regular teenager. She likes listening to pop stars, reading magazines and gossiping about celebrities. Except that she's made of metal. Literally. She's a robot. Will she be able to pass the world AND go to the school dance? One cool team.

Nickelodeon, during SN-TV  
Saturdays from 6 December  
at 10.00am.

## Christmas Cheer!

With so many Christmas specials on how can you choose? Here's our pick of the best:

**Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas** - Belle decides to show Beast the



magic of  
Christmas  
- Disney  
Channel 25  
Dec. at  
4.00pm.

'Twas the Fight Before Christmas  
- a Powerpuff Girls Christmas  
Special - Carton Network 24 Dec.  
6.30pm & 25 Dec. 7.30am &  
5.00pm.

**The Santa Clause** - find out what happens when Tim Allen tries to fill Santa's shoes - Disney  
Channel 7 Dec. at 6.30pm.





## LIL' ELVIS

Winnipeg  
adventures of  
little Elvis  
Jones, whose  
Elvis-crazy  
parents think he's *The  
King* reborn! Good fun!



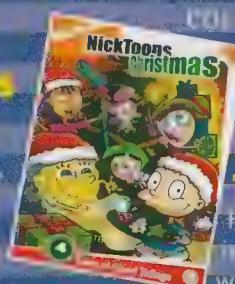
## DADDY DAY CARE

Lots of pan, woe and fort-



## NICK'S CHRISTMAS

It's Nicktoons  
Christmas,  
featuring Rocko's  
Modern  
Life, and  
Fairly Odd



Parents and grandparents  
plus The Who,  
The Monkees, the  
Monkees, the  
Christians, spider  
man, the  
Davids, the  
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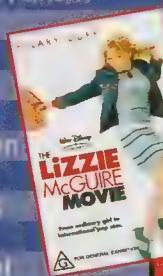


## LIZZIE MC GUIRE

Lizzie's first  
adventure  
in the  
world of

Lizzie's big  
adventure is  
from other  
chicks in them  
to a billion  
people. Must  
have given

Lizzy lots of  
trouble - she's got the  
whole DVD out  
this month!



## anime christmas!

Try out these for size:  
two new *Dragonball GT*  
episodes,  
two awesome  
DBZ box sets  
or the box set  
of *Gundam*  
*Wing Mobile  
Suit*. Or if it's  
something  
girly you want  
- try out the *Love Hina*  
*Christmas Movie*



## DISNEY CHRISTMAS MOVIES!

All six favorite Disney Christmas films are now on DVD! There's

*Winter Wonderland*, *The Muppets' Christmas Carol*, *The  
Santa Clause*, *Beauty and the Beast's Enchanted*

*Christmas*, *The*

*Nightmare Before*

*Christmas* and

heaps more!

Phew!



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# Bootsy's pet page

## Hey Kids!

Are you enjoying the wonderful warm summer weather? What's better than having lots of fun in the sun while Christmas gets closer each day? Oh, I can't wait much longer ... I wonder what cool presents Santa will bring this year? I bet you are too.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Remember to enjoy this magical time of year and please give your pets a great big hug from me. Ho, ho, ho!!!



WIN! For your chance to win one of these cute Dog Calendars, simply mail your funniest pet photo to Bootsy's Pet Page, P0 Box 321, Terrey Hills, NSW 2084 and see page 98 for conditions.

# cheats

THIS IS A SNEAK-PEEK AT THE NEW CHEATS SECTION WE'RE LAUNCHING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF DMAG - IT'S GOING TO BE MASSIVE!

## cheats

### PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME

PLATFORM: PS2

The coolest game this Christmas - and you're going to be the first to know this cheat!

Start a new game. When the Prince is standing on the balcony, before the game begins, enter the following code:

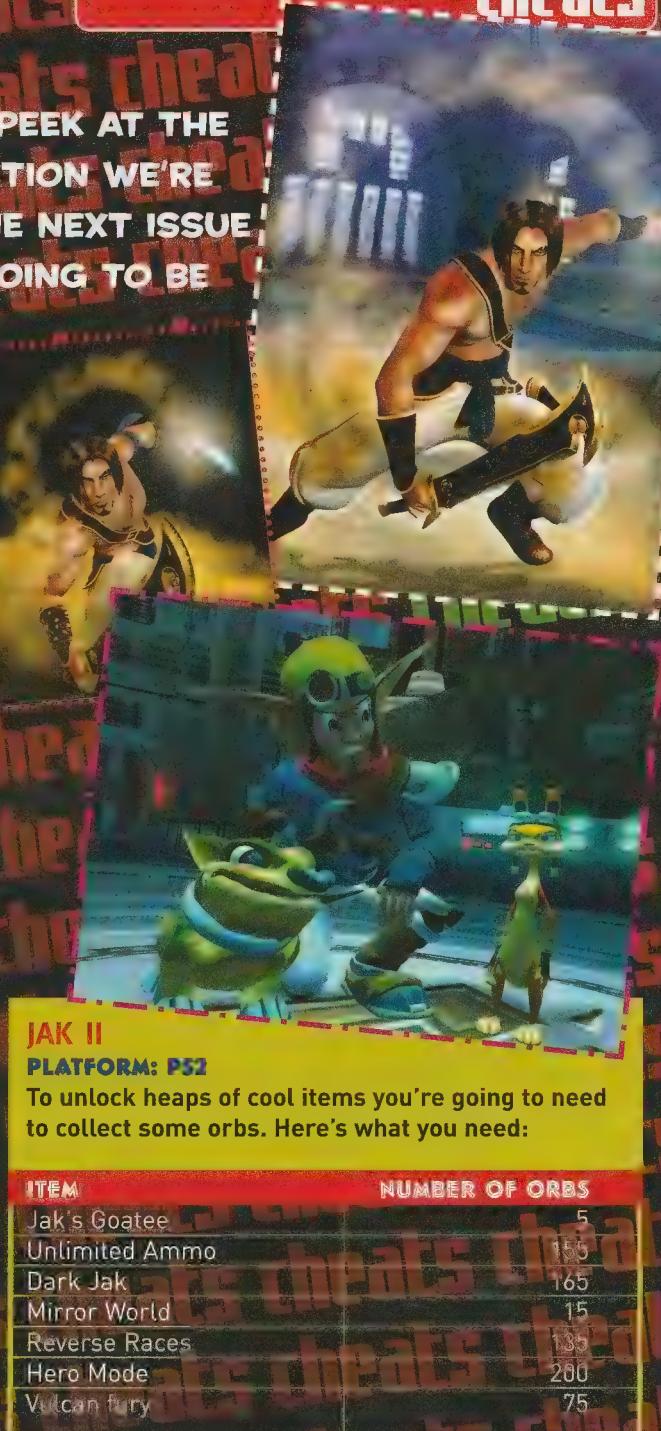
**K, SQUARE, TRIANGLE, CIRCLE, TRIANGLE, X, SQUARE, CIRCLE**

You will enter a level of the original Prince of Persia game from ten years ago, with the new Prince in 3D!

### WWE SMACKDOWN: HERE COMES THE PAIN

PLATFORM: PS2

When you rebound on the rope while performing Royal Rumble, you may be able to push down an opponent who is on the turnbuckle (you could be pushed down). When you touch the rope, press R2 to grab the rope.

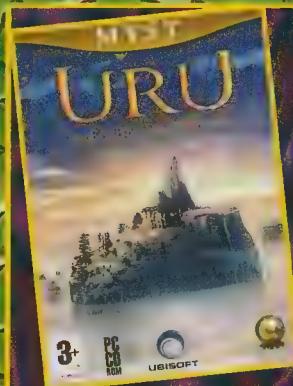


### JAK II

PLATFORM: PS2

To unlock heaps of cool items you're going to need to collect some orbs. Here's what you need:

ITEM	NUMBER OF ORBS
Jak's Goatee	5
Unlimited Ammo	165
Dark Jak	165
Mirror World	15
Reverse Races	135
Hero Mode	200
Vulcan Fury	75



## URU: AGES BEYOND MYST

Platform: PC-CD

Rating: G

Distributor: Ubisoft

In URU (pronounced oo-oo) you play as you (U-R-U - get it!) as you explore the world of Myst. As you explore this 3D world, which is set in real time so that the weather and the lighting change, you uncover mysteries and learn secrets. You can play by yourself or go online and join others to create cities, solve puzzles and go on adventures. It's a fantastic world that's totally absorbing.



## SSX3

Platform: PS2

Rating: G

Distributor: EA Games

Outrun avalanches, crash free-roaming slopes and explore the open mountain - complete with fresh powder, half-pipes and fierce

snowstorms. This is the coolest snowboarding game around. There are three mountain peaks to compete



on and when you're bored you can play on-line.

raceways, including volcanoes, space stations and futuristic cities to speed through on new transforming karts that adapt to their environment - very cool.

## DISNEY'S BROTHER BEAR

Platform: GBA

Rating: G

Distributor: THQ

See the movie and play the game! Follow the adventures of Kenai and Koda, two Kodiak bears in North America. Switch

## PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME

Platform: PS2, Xboz,

NGC, GBA, PC-CD

Rating: G8 for GBA, M10+ remaining platforms

Distributor: Ubisoft

This has to be one of the best games this year - you can see why it won Best Action/Adventure Game at E3. When the Prince of Persia is tricked into releasing the Sands of Time he destroys his father's

## CRASH NITRO-KART

Platform: PS2,

Xbox, GBA, NGC

Rating: G8

Distributor: Vivendi

Crash has been kidnapped by the ruthless Emperor Velo and forced to race in the galactic colosseum. There are 17 incredible





between them as they solve puzzles and explore their world. Sweet!

## KYA

**Platform: PS2**

**Rating: M**

**Distributor: Atari**

Kya is one cool heroine!

When Kya and her brother Franck



palace and turns nearly everyone into attacking zombies. To rectify the damage he then searches the trap-laden palace for the hour-glass the sands were released from. The

## DMAG'S TOP FIVE CHRISTMAS GAMES

- Prince of Persia: Sands of Time
- Harry Potter: Quidditch World Cup
- Kya
- Beyond Good and Evil
- Ratchet and Clank: Locked and Loaded

are separated after plunging into a mysterious world, Kya wakes up being chased. After following a strange creature, she finds a secret city in which the Nativs are being transformed into slaves called Wolfuns. Kya must free the slaves, find her brother

graphics in this game are fantastic with great attention to detail - curtains blow in the breeze and light spills from windows. Once you've dealt with enough zombies you are able to go back in time - very handy if something bad's just happened. There are cool movements such as running up



and locate the key that will take her back home. This game features beautiful fantasy worlds, heaps of time-sensitive challenges, mini-games, fights and a great plot.



walls and you can swing off anything you can see. Look out for water along the way because it will revive you. Plenty of puzzles, action and adventure - fantastic!

**Note:** check with your parents about the rating though!



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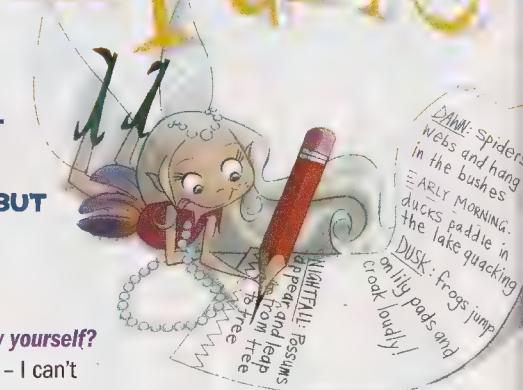


# BOARDS



# Pearlie in the Park

**IS WENDY HARMER OFF WITH THE FAIRIES NOW SHE'S WRITING ABOUT THEM? HER NEW BOOK PEARLIE IN THE PARK IS PRETTY OUT THERE - BUT IS WENDY? DECIDE FOR YOURSELF...**



**DMAG:** We think Pearlie the fairy might be a bit like you. Is your house a mess like hers?

**WENDY:** Yes I am very messy like Pearlie, I try to keep the rest of my shell tidy but the bedroom part of my shell is very messy. She is like me - she's a bit bossy and likes everything to be in order.

**DMAG:** Do you have a thing for pearls?

**WENDY:** I do actually!

**DMAG:** Are you also into pink sparkley things?

**WENDY:** No but I have a daughter who's very much into pink sparkley things.

**DMAG:** So was this book written for your daughter Maeve?

**WENDY:** No, this is a first reader so it's written for girls who are 6 to 8. It's designed to be the first book they can read by themselves.

**DMAG:** What was the first

**book you read by yourself?**

**WENDY:** Gosh - I can't remember. I started to read when I was very young. The first book that I loved though was Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree*. So I wanted this book to have a real sense of adventure and fantasy. The book came about because I think a lot of modern fairies are a bit boring. They sit around and do their hair and get frocks for the ball ... they don't do anything, they never have any adventures. Fairies in the old days were real characters, they were really scary - they would steal babies and trick you and that sort of thing.

**DMAG:** Did you believe in fairies as a kid?

**WENDY:** Not as a kid. I didn't believe in them until I was about 15, I lived out in the country - I was a bit of a slow learner (laughing). I used to stay

at my Grandma's house and there was a Brownie that lived behind the curtains in the bedroom that I spent many years looking for. I loved fairies, I really did. Pearlie's an Aussie fairy and she's a bit of a greenie.

**DMAG:** Pearlie also has some colourful sayings - 'Reeds and ripples, roots and twigs' - do you ever use any of these yourself?

**WENDY:** No - I won't tell you what I usually say.

**DMAG:** Are you doing a second book?

**WENDY:** Yes, it's called *Pearlie and the Big Doll*. Pearlie finds a doll left in the park ... without saying too much it involves the two rats doing a stand up comedy routine. The third one is about when

Pearlie's cousin comes down from Lightning Ridge, her name's Opal, she's a bit like Steve Irwin in a tutu. She says 'Oh, starve the lizards, stone the crows, crikey!' She's a real ocker fairy, I'm having a lot of fun with the Australian culture - I just love the Australian language.

**DMAG:** Did you work closely with the illustrator?

**WENDY:** Yes. Mark drew her and I saw her and said - there she is! I think she's a bit like Powerpuff Girls meet Tinkerbell in her look and she's also a bit like a Jetson.

**DMAG:** So what tips do you have for kids who want to write books?

**WENDY:** The language should sound great when it's read out loud.

Personally I like my moral lessons hidden. You know, in *The Faraway Tree* there wasn't a lot of moralising, there was adventure.

**DMAG:** You're also a comedian and a radio co-host - what's been the highlight of your career?

**WENDY:** One of the best things happened in 1993. I took a show to the Edinburgh Festival and it was transferred to the West End in London, it was only a week but that was pretty cool. But the highlight is being able to have ideas and make them a reality. It's just fabulous.



She is like the  
Powerpuff  
Girls meet  
Tinkerbell

# THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND

The Bartimaeus Trilogy

By Jonathan Stroud

IS THIS BOOK HOTTER THAN

POTTER? WE THINK SO.

HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK...

The sulphur cloud contracted into a thick column of smoke that vomited forth thin tendrils: they licked the air like tongues before withdrawing. The column hung above the middle of the pentacle, bubbling ever upwards against the ceiling like the cloud of an erupting volcano. There was a barely perceptible pause. Then two yellow staring eyes materialised in the heart of the smoke.

Hey, it was his first time. I wanted to scare him.

And I did too. The dark-haired boy stood in a pentacle of his own, smaller, filled with different runes, a metre away from one main one. He was pale as a corpse, shaking like a dead leaf in a high wind. His teeth rattled in his quivering jaw. Beads of sweat dripped from his brow, turning to ice as

that much satisfaction to be had from scaring the pants off a scrawny kid.

So I floated and waited, hoping he wasn't going to take too long to get round to the dismissing spell. To keep myself

JONATHAN STROUD



THE  
AMULET  
OF  
SAMARKAND

THE BARTIMAEUS TRILOGY

they fell  
through the air. They twinkled  
with the sound of hailstones to  
the floor.

Ah well and good, but so  
what? I mean, he looked about  
twelve years old. Wide-eyed,  
hollow-cheeked. There's not

occupied  
I made blue flames lick up  
around the inner edges of the  
pentacle, as if they were  
seeking a way to get out and  
nab him. All hokum, of course.

I'd already checked and the seal was drawn well enough. No spelling mistakes anywhere, unfortunately.

At last it looked as if the urchin was plucking up the courage to speak. I guessed this by a stammering about his lips that didn't seem to be induced by pure fear alone. I let the blue fire die away to be replaced by a foul smell.

The kid spoke. Very squeakily.

'I charge you . . . to . . . to . . . Get on with it! 't-t-tell me your n-name.'

That's usually how they start, the young ones. Meaningless waffle. He knew and I knew that he knew my name already; otherwise how could he have summoned me in the first place? You need the right choice of words, the right actions and most of all the right name. I mean, it's not like hailing a cab - you don't get just anybody when you call.

I chose a rich, deep, dark chocolatey sort of voice, the kind that resounds from everywhere and nowhere and makes the hairs stand up on the back of inexperienced necks.

'BARTIMAEUS.'

I saw the kid give me a strangled kind of gulp when he heard the word. Good - he

wasn't entirely stupid then: he knew who and what I was. He knew my reputation.

After taking a moment to swallow some accumulated phlegm he spoke again. 'I charge you again to answer. Are you that B-Bartimaeus who in olden times was summoned by the magicians to repair the walls of Prague?'

What a time-waster this kid was. Who else would it be? I upped the volume a bit on this one. The ice on the light bulbs cracked like a caramelised sugar. Behind the dirty curtains the window glass shimmered and hummed. The kid rocked back on his heels.

'I am Bartimaeus! I am Sakhr al-Jinni, N'gorso the Mighty and Serpent of Silver Plumes! I have rebuilt the walls of Uruk, Karnak and Prague. I have spoken with Solomon. I have run with the buffalo fathers of the plains. I have watched over Old Zimbabwe till the stones fell and the jackals fed on its people. I am Bartimaeus! I recognise no master. So I charge you in your turn, boy. Who are you to summon me?'

Impressive stuff, eh? All true as well, which gives it more power. And I wasn't just doing it to sound big. I rather hoped the kid would be blustered by it

into telling me his name in return, which would give me something to go on when his back was turned. But no luck there.

'By the constraints of the circle, the points on the pentacle and the chain of runes, I am your master! You will obey my will!'

There was something particularly obnoxious about hearing this old shtick coming from a weedy stripling, and in such a rubbish high voice too. I bit back the temptation to give him a piece of my mind and intoned the usual response. Anything to get it over with quickly.

'What is your will?'

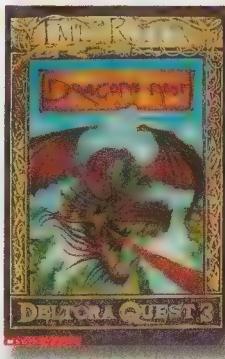
I admit I was already surprised. Most tyro magicians look first and ask questions later. They go window-shopping, eyeing up their potential power, but being far too nervous to try it out. You don't often get small ones like this squirt calling up entities like me in the first place, either.

The kid cleared his throat. This was the moment. This is what he'd been building up to. He'd been dreaming of this for years, when he should have been lying on his bed thinking about racing cars or girls. I waited grimly for the pathetic request. What would it be?

**WILL BARTIMAEUS CARRY OUT THE BOY'S WISH AND WHY IS A TWELVE YEAR-OLD BOY SUMMONING A DEMON? FIND OUT BY GRABBING A COPY OF THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND TODAY!**

## DRAGON'S NEST

By Emily Rodda



Book One in the thrilling Deltora Quest 3 is gripping. The evil Shadow Lord has been banished but the land of Deltora is dying. Lief, the young King of Deltora, believes the land is under a curse that involves the vile Four Sisters. His only hope is to awaken Deltora's dragons - but first he must find them and so he sets out with Jasmine and Barda on a fantastical journey. Magical!

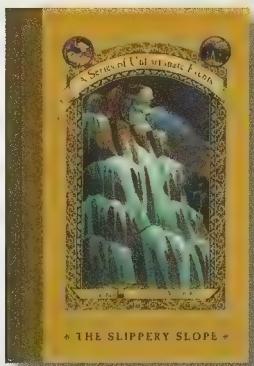
**Ages 8 to 12**  
Scholastic

## THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

By Lemony Snicket

The Series of Unfortunate Events we've come to know and dread from Lemony Snicket is now up

to book ten. It starts with Violet and Klaus careering to their deaths in an unhitched caravan. It ends - well if you must know, Violet and Klaus do not die. And the youngest Baudelaire is actually growing up - though she still can't speak properly she can cook, which is where the mysterious casserole dish comes in. Will the Baudelaire orphans finally discover which parent survived the fire? And will they work out what VFD stands for? Find out - or not - in this strangely compelling book.



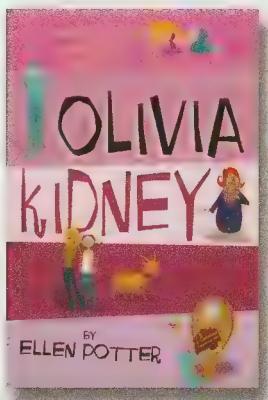
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HarperCollins Australia

## OLIVIA KIDNEY

By Ellen Potter

Olivia has just moved into a huge apartment block in New York. Her dad's the

caretaker there. Problem is, he's disappeared. As Olivia searches for him she meets some very strange people - like the old lady whose apartment is made of glass so she can see into the unit



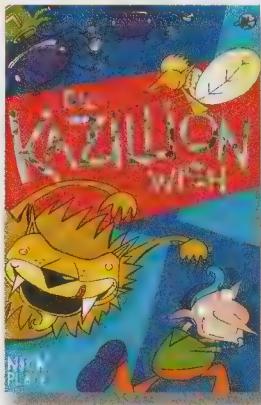
below her, or Sidi, who wears a coat made of live lizards. Then there are the lizards - do they really say 'hey, buster'? Maybe Olivia is a little mad herself - after all, she has dealt with some very traumatic events recently. This book is wonderful!

**Ages 10 to 13**  
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Look for these books at your local Dymocks bookshop, or try: [www.dymocks.com.au](http://www.dymocks.com.au)

## THE KAZILLION WISH

By Nick Place



Harlan and Ainsley's parents were separated three years ago. Their mum now has a new boyfriend but their dad – well they think it's time he found a girlfriend – so they wish for an also-mum. Strangely a wish-frongle called Zootfrog appears. He tells them their wish is so big it's called a Kazillion Wish and that means it can't be granted, it must be earned. Their first challenge is to take 1,000 chocolates to the Chocolion without being eaten themselves. This book is crazy, kooky fun!

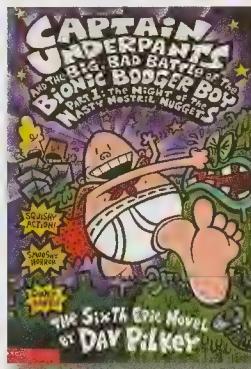
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## CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS AND THE BIG, BAD BATTLE OF THE BIONIC BOOGER BOY

By Dav Pilkey

Meet Bionic Booger Boy, previously known as snotty school brainiac



Melvin. When Melvin turns Sulu his pet into a bionic super-hamster, he realises the potential of his new invention and decides to make himself bionic. Only his experiment fails, largely due to some nasty nostril nuggets. Full of gross encounters and flip-aramas depicting gross violence, this book is so gross it's SNOT funny! We loved it.

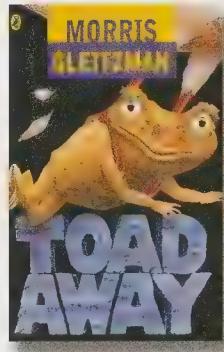
Ages 6 to 9

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## TOAD AWAY

By Morris Gleitzman

Limpy the cane toad has a vision. He wants a world where humans play happily with toads – maybe sharing a mudslide, some maggot moisturiser or a dollop of slug sauce. But in



Australia, cane toads are pests. So Limpy, his sister and his cousin Goliath, head to the Amazon jungle of South America, the cane toads' natural habitat. Maybe cane toads live peacefully with humans there he thinks. Meanwhile Goliath, having declared war on the human race, is peeing on everything humans eat or drink. Will Limpy's quest be successful? More great fun from one of our fave authors.

Ages 8 to 12

Penguin Books Australia.

# Dragonkeeper

by Carole Wilkinson

A TELEPATHIC DRACOM  
AND A SLAVE GIRL IN  
ANCIENT CHINA - WE'D  
LIKE YOU TO MEET THEM  
BOTH IN THIS  
WONDERFUL EXTRACT

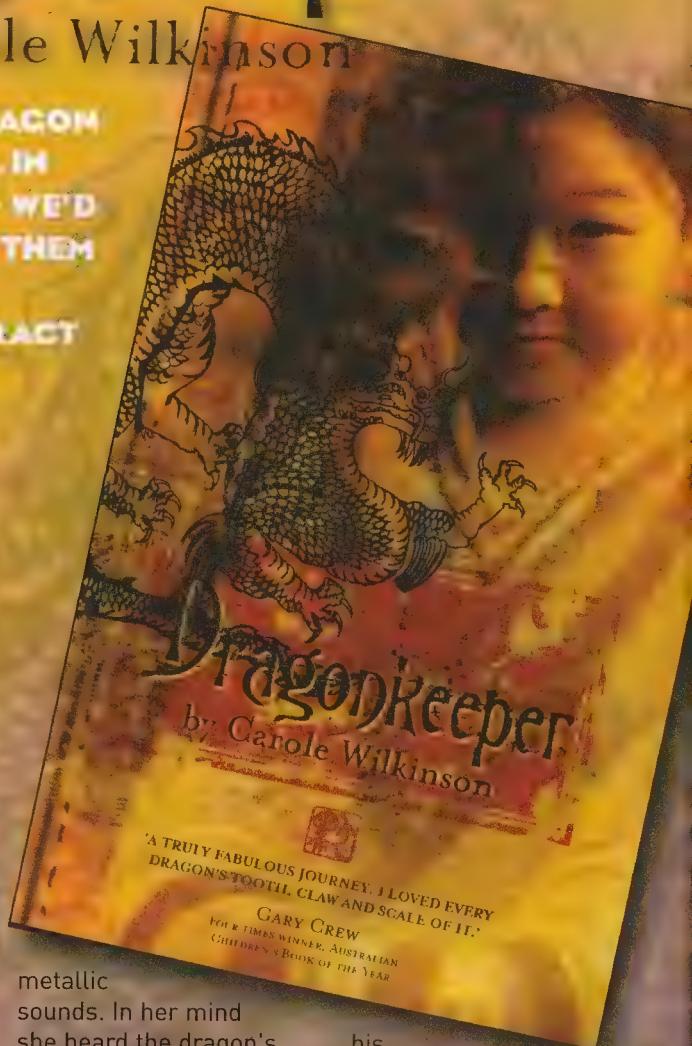
The dragon inclined his head. He was watching her carefully, assessing her reactions. How could she have been stupid enough to think he was an animal no more intelligent than an ox or a goat?

"Why didn't I ever hear you before?"

"Never spoke."

The girl watched as the creature carefully picked up one of the mushrooms. The inner talons on each paw could bend towards each other, just like a finger and thumb. He placed the mushroom in his mouth. "Do you have a name, dragon?"

The creature made more



metallic sounds. In her mind she heard the dragon's voice. "Everyone has name."

Hua scurried back from

his search for food, attracted by the smell of cooking meat. He stopped

dead when he saw the dragon staring down at him.

"Even rat has name."

"I don't," replied the girl. "Do." The word echoed around inside her mind. Hua scrabbled up her clothing and into her jacket. She looked into the dragon's eyes. "How do you know?"

The creature reached out a paw and extended one of his talons towards her neck. The girl shrank back. Hua burrowed under her armpit. The talon was razor-sharp and could have cut her throat as easily as the Emperor's kitchen hands sliced beef. "Do not be afraid," said the dragon voice.

The dragon's talon flicked out the bamboo square that hung around her neck. The girl looked down at the character that was carved into the bamboo. It was almost worn away.

"What does it say?" Her voice was just a whisper. "Ping," the dragon voice said.

"Is that my name?"

The dragon inclined his head again.

"Ping," the slave girl repeated.

"Parents gave you this name," said the dragon. Tears filled Ping's eyes as she said her name over and over again. Many people had two names. Some important people even had three. She was happy to finally have one. "Thank you for giving me my name." She reached out and scratched the dragon in the soft spot under his chin.

"You didn't tell me your name, dragon," she said, wiping her eyes.

"Lived for long, long time," the dragon replied. "Had many names—Da Lu which means Great Green; Dai Yu, Bringer of Rain; Lao Tang, Old Dignified One. Real name is Long Danzi—Courageous Dragon."

"I'll call you Danzi, then," said Ping. "You are very courageous."

"What does my name mean?" she asked.

"Duckweed," replied the dragon.

"Oh," said Ping, but she was only disappointed for a second. It might not be an elegant name, but she had a name, a gift from her long-gone parents and it was hers alone.

While Ping was lost in her thoughts, the dragon

rolled the purple stone out of the cave into the light. He turned it over with one taloned paw, examining it carefully. "Stone undamaged," he said.

Ping looked at the stone. "I'm not sure why you're so concerned about that stone," she said. "You were almost caught by the dragon hunter."

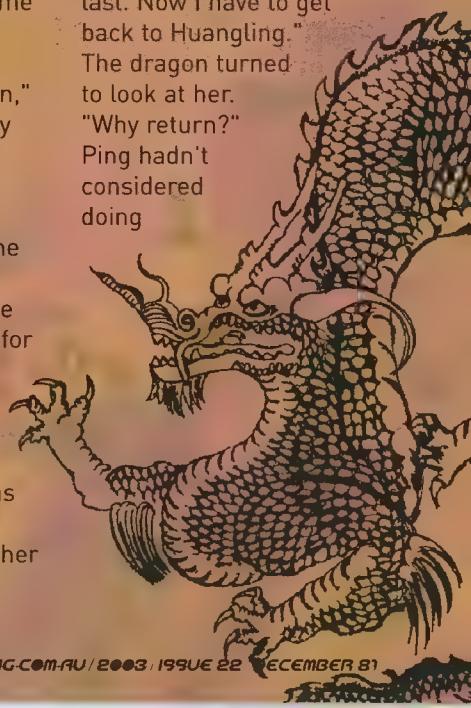
"Ping risked life for rat."

"Hua's my best friend," Ping replied. "I had to go back for him, but I don't see any sense in risking your life for a rock." The voice in Ping's mind was silent.

"You've escaped though," she said. "You're free at last. Now I have to get back to Huangling." The dragon turned to look at her.

"Why return?"

Ping hadn't considered doing



# Dragonkeeper

by Carole Wilkinson

anything else. She had lived on Huangling for as long as she could remember. She couldn't imagine a life in any other place. "Where else would I go?"

"Could find new place," Ping shook her head. Just the thought of going out into the world terrified her. "I have work to do at Huangling. I won't have you to look after any more, but the oxen, the goat, the pigs and the chickens still need feeding, and if the Emperor is going to visit

Huangling from time to time, Lao Ma will need help keeping the palace clean," replied Ping. Danzi's bright eyes narrowed. "Ping must not go back."

She smiled, pleased that the dragon was concerned about her safety.

"Master Lan has been arrested. Once the Emperor has gone back to Chang'an, it'll be safe for me to go back. I'll be punished, but then I can go back to work. You can stay here."

"Danzi not staying here," he said. "Going to Ocean."

"Ocean?" said Ping.

"Ocean is just a place in stories, like the Kunlun Mountains and the Isle of the Blest. Lao Ma told me stories about them. They're pretend."

"All exist."

"Why would you want to go anywhere? This is a comfortable cave. You have everything you want here and the dragon



hunter

won't be able to find you. I'll come and visit you when I can."

"Danzi growing old.

Waters of Ocean have magical powers, will renew strength."

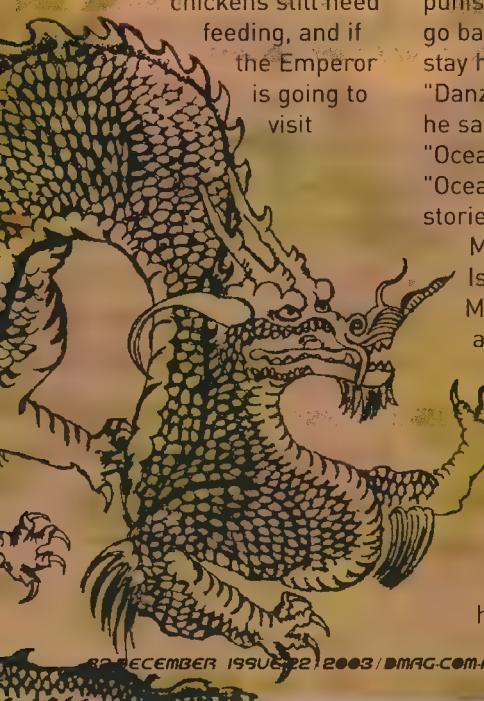
Ping was beginning to wonder if being locked up for so many years had affected the dragon's mind.

"Ping must help Danzi," he said.

Ping stared at the dragon.

"What do you mean?"

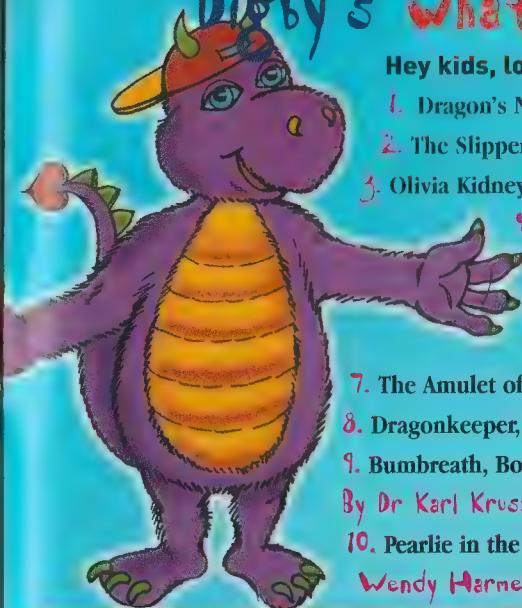
"Travel with Danzi to Ocean."



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By Dr Karl Kruszelnicki
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# Lesson From Beyond the Sea

**T**was a sunny day on the Great Barrier Reef. As two turtles peered up they saw a fishing boat lowering a net towards them. They swam away to the turtles. They told them all about what happened. "I've got an idea," announced the Grand Turtle, who was the oldest and wisest of the turtles. "We can get back at those humans, who steal our shells and feed us plastic bags!"

"I've got a plan", said the Grand Turtle. "Everyone brainstorm and we'll meet here in an hour."

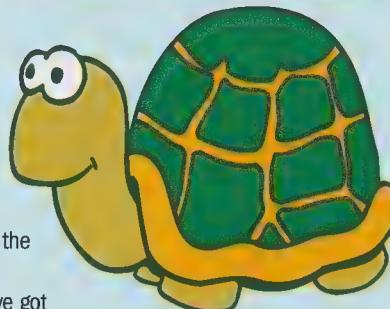
One hour later the reef was echoing with the sounds of the turtles chatting. "Quiet! Can I have every turtles attention," ordered the Grand Turtle. "Take turns to talk, please."

"I think we should trap the humans in nets," suggested Rowena Turtle.

"Since the frogs and toads are helping us, I'm sure the toads would like to flatten humans like they squish the toads with their vehicles."

"Good ideas everybody. Tomorrow morning we'll meet at Octopus Cove." The turtles spent the rest of the day making plans.

Early next morning all the turtles met to discuss their plans for getting back at the



humans, "We strike today!" declared the Grand Turtle.

"Yeah!!!!" Cheered the turtles. "Let's go forth onto the land of the humans."

The turtles paddled towards the nearest fishing boat they could find. They swam under the boats to the fishing nets and bit the ropes to release the captured fish. They dragged the nets towards the beach. There they were met by the ferocious frogs and terrible toad army. Their plan was to trap the humans in their own nets and to give them a taste of their own medicine. The frogs used their super sticky tongues to glue the nets to the strands of seaweed.

Meanwhile some toads had "borrowed" a golf buggy. They had spent much of the morning learning how to actually drive it. Now they were ready to begin "Operation Squish." The beach was a riot

of screams from the sea and sand as people were squashed under the buggy and tangled in nets. The octopi got involved in the action by blinding the humans with ink. The scene captured people's attention Australia wide. The pandemonium reached the front page of the newspapers with headlines like, "Toad Rampage", "Frog Fighters" and "Turtle Thwack."

The humans looked around the sunny beach desperately trying to find the culprits of this horrifying event but all they could see was a sea of green turtles, a mass of green frogs and a blob of brown toads. The people were astonished.

"Surely these creatures could not be responsible? I thought they were harmless, until now" a human screeched.

"I thought they were our friends," added another.

"Friends," huffed the Grand Turtle. "Yeah right. Is that why you trap us in your nets, pollute our water and feed us your disgusting rubbish? Your lesson today humans is treat others how you would like to be treated! Bye for now.... Until your next lesson."

**By Anneliese Henjak, 9**

**Anneliese and Bre-Anne have each won a \$50 Dymocks gift voucher plus they are in the running to win our grand prize for 2003 - \$1000 cash! See page 83 to find out how you can enter.**

# Chumba Chumba

Once, a long time ago in the northern parts of Canada, there was a pack of wolves. There were many wolf packs at this time, but the whisper wolves were the toughest, quietest, quickest and most stealth-like in the whole of North Canada.

One day when the pack leader, Mikancha, was teaching the five new cubs how to get stealthy and kill prey, a bird landed about ten metres away from the smallest cub, Chumba. Chumba was picked on because of his size. He was smaller than the others. Titan was the biggest, then Linka, Tratel, Pinlak then Chumba. Even though he was the smallest and the youngest, Chumba was the stealthiest and had already managed to kill three

lizards and two mice. Just as Chumba started getting ready to pounce, Titan, who thought he was the coolest ever, jumped at the small bird. As he landed the bird flew away and Titan tried to grab it in his paw but accidentally hit himself in the face. All the others rolled about in laughter. They thought it was so funny! Even Mikancha chuckled at Titan.

Later that day when Chumba was with his mother Kiche, he spotted another of the small birds that Titan had pounced at. He quickly slipped into the nearest shrub without it noticing. As quick as lightning he lashed out at the bird and before it could fly away he caught his claws in one of its wings pulling it back to earth.

Proudly he carried it back to his mother Kiche and Mikancha. Mikancha was very proud of Chumba because he was the first cub to catch a bird.

The next day when Chumba was walking along looking for more innocent birds to catch, he was confronted by a jealous Titan.

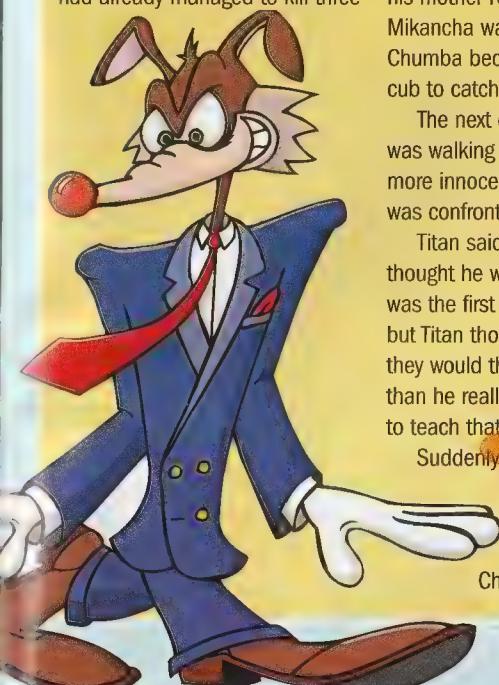
Titan said to Chumba that he thought he was good because he was the first one to catch a bird, but Titan thought he was lying so they would think he was cooler than he really was. He was going to teach that show-off a lesson.

Suddenly Titan sprang at Chumba, and nearly knocked him off his balance. Luckily Chumba was quick and

managed to scratch Titan on the neck. It was a critical hit for Titan. Blood poured from the claw marks in Titan's neck. Titan was angry and hurt so he decided to pretend to cower away and run for cover in the bushes and get Chumba as he walked away.

Chumba was glad when Titan whimpered and hid in the bushes, not because he had won, but because he didn't want to fight Titan. He decided to go to the river for a swim and see if he could catch a fish or another bird. As Chumba was walking away, ready to go to the river, Titan leapt out of nowhere and caught Chumba's back right paw. Linka, Pinlak and Tratel came out of the trees just as Chumba got his teeth into Titan's left ear and ripped it to shreds. Linka said angrily that they should stop fighting each other and save their energy to catch some lunch. Pinlak and Tratel agreed. Titan said he was sorry and asked if Chumba could let go of his ear now because it was starting to hurt.

Chumba also apologised. Then Tratel asked them why they were standing around doing nothing when they could be swimming or hunting something to eat for lunch. So with Tratel leading the way the five wolf cubs went to the river for the rest of the day. **By Bre-Anne Sandercock, 10**



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# Monkey-boy and his magical UNDERPANTS

by Damien Woods 2003



GREAT!

# BREAKFAST!

## MUNCH

## CHOMP

## CHEW

Thanks undies,  
you're the best!

Don't mention  
it.

Oh! How rude  
of me!

Allow me to  
introduce  
you.

These are  
my magical  
underpants.

Y'know sometimes being  
half boy - half monkey can be  
pretty difficult...

...but having a pair of  
magical underpants  
sure helps.

aww geez ...  
now I'm embarrassed

See ya!

PLAY THE CRAZE!

# CRAZY BONES™ CAPERS

STORY: GREGORY COSTARAS  
ART: LOOPYDAVE

IN OUR LAST EPISODE CRAZY CLYDE AND THE GANG WERE STUCK IN THE MAZE OF DOOM WHILE THE UNION OF GROSS LOOKING INDIVIDUALS OR U.G.L.I. RELEASED THEIR MUTANT CRAZY CLONES ON TO AN UNSUSPECTING PLANET..

OK CLONE GANG, IT'S TIME FOR US TO PUT UGLI'S PLAN INTO ACTION. HERE'S WHAT WE MUST DO:

## ITEM 1

WE CON THE 'SMOOTH-SKIN' ALIENS INTO BELIEVING THAT WE ARE ORGANISING A FANTASTIC PARTY IN THEIR HONOUR.

US CLONES

SMOOTHSKIN ALIENS

WE MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE NON-UGLI CRAZY BONE CHARACTERS ARE INVITED - THEY'D NEVER MISS A PARTY LIKE THIS, SO THEY'LL ALL BE THERE.

## ITEM 2

YOU FORGOT ITEM 4, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WACKO CLAUSE'.

THE WACKO CLAUSE?

YOU IDIOT! WE'RE NOT GOING TO THE PARTY!

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF - I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD!

## ITEM 3

SMOOTHSKIN ALIENS

ONCE THEY HAVE ALL GATHERED AT THE PARTY, UGLI STEPS IN WITH THE HEAVY ARTILLERY AND DEMANDS THAT THEY BE RECOGNISED AS THE TRUE LEADERS OF CRAZY BONES PLANET.

OH! MAYBE I'LL TAKE THOSE RED HERRING SANDWICHES 'TO GO'...

BUT IF YOU GO YOU'LL BE HELD HOSTAGE ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE AT THE PARTY.

YUP! ITEM 4. MUST ENSURE THAT THE PARTY HAS TONS OF RED HERRING SANDWICHES!!! HEHEHE, THEY'RE MY FAVOURITE!

HEY WACK-JOB, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE B.G. CLAUSE? IT HAS SANDWICHES TOO.

REALLY? WHAT KIND?

EVEN AS A CLONE YOU FALL FOR IT EVERY TIME! C'MON GUYS, LET'S GET THIS UGLI PLAN INTO ACTION.

MEANWHILE, IN THE MAZE OF DOOM...





**HOORAY!!!**



THERE'S  
ONLY ONE WAY  
TO FIND OUT, WACKO -  
IT'S TIME FOR YOU  
TO SHINE!

ME?????



YOU'RE  
RIGHT!



**BAM**



WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?

THE  
PORTAL HAS  
MOVED OVER THERE.  
I JUST WANTED TO WATCH  
HIM KNOCK HIMSELF  
OUT.

QUICK  
EVERYONE -  
LET'S GET TO  
THAT EXIT  
PORTAL!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT UGLI HEADQUARTERS...



TWO DAYS LATER, IN THE MAZE OF DOOM...



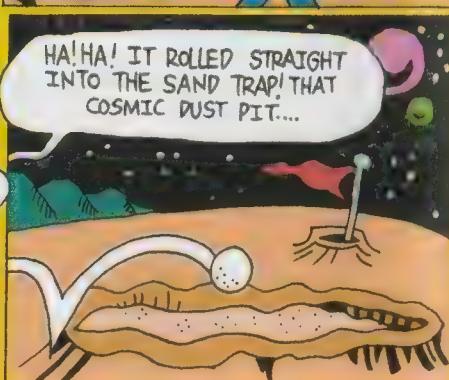
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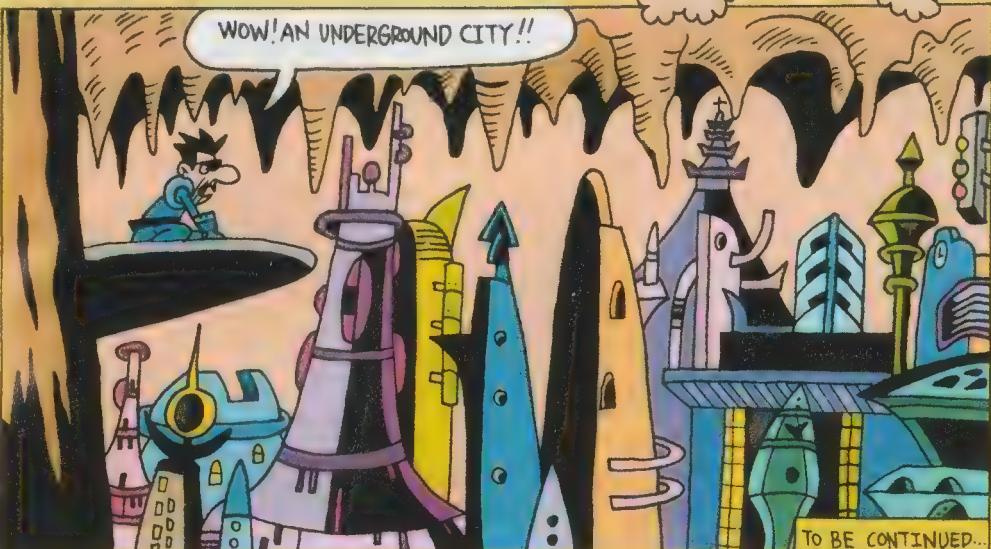
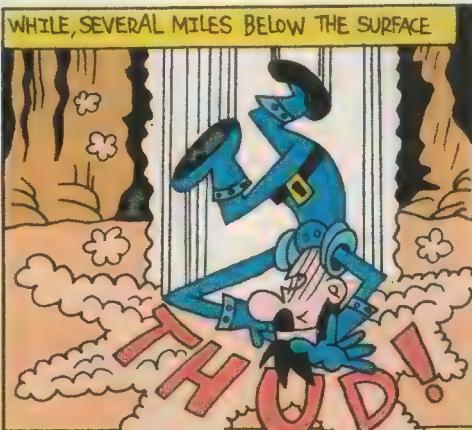


# SPACECAPADES

BY: ZANE

THE SPACECAPADES HAVE COME TO A LONELY, POCK-MARKED ASTEROID FOR A ROUND OF EIGHTEEN-CRATER GOLF....





TO BE CONTINUED...

# Ned Kelly

by  
Mitch



THAT WAS  
COOL FUN,  
DECORATING  
THE TREE

AND NOW FOR  
THE LIGHTS,  
AND IT'S  
FINISHED

HEY, I WANTED  
TO HELP TOO!

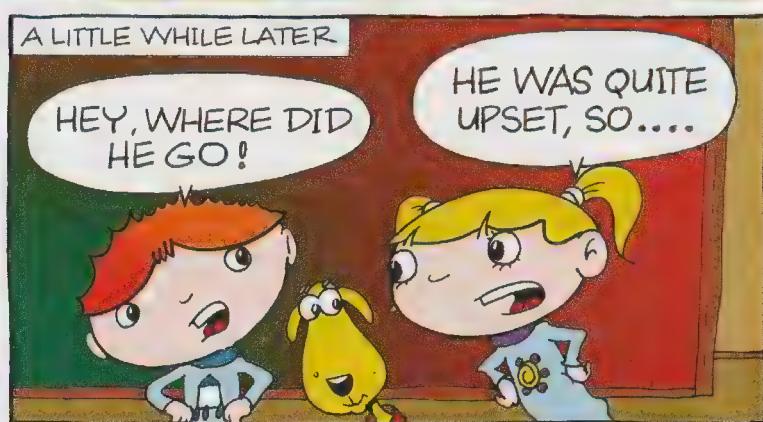


WHOOPS,  
SORRY  
ABOUT THAT

A LITTLE WHILE LATER

HEY, WHERE DID  
HE GO!

HE WAS QUITE  
UPSET, SO....



I SAID HE COULD  
DECORATE THE  
ROOM!



Mitch



# CHRISTMAS CAROL



## GABRIEL'S MAZE

Can you help Gabriel find the morsels of cheese?



## PICK THE ODD ONE OUT



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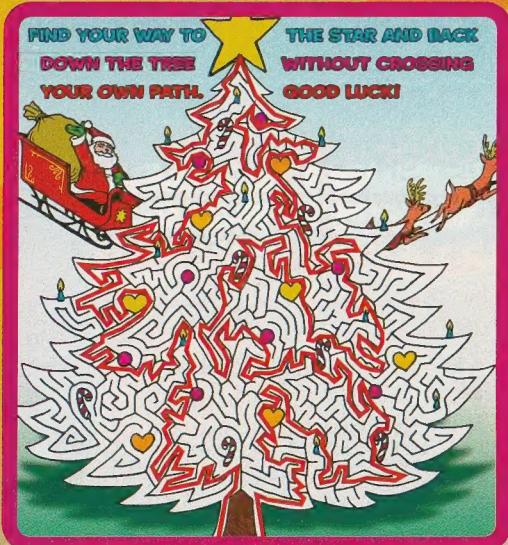
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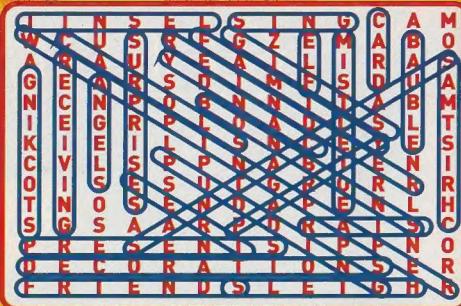
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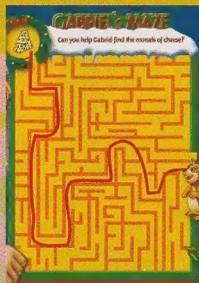
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Why do reindeer wear fur coats?

*Because they'd look silly in bathers.*

What colour is a happy kitty?

*Purrrple!*

What do you get if you cross a vacuum cleaner with a cat?

*Don't know but it drinks heaps of milk.*

Why is a pencil like a riddle?

*Because it's no good without a point!*

Who designed Noah's Ark?

*An ark-itect.*

Why did the duck stick his leg into the laptop?  
*He wanted to have web feet.*

Knock knock.

*Who's there?*

Robin.

*Robin who?*

I'm Robin you, so hand over your money!

What do you get if you cross a skunk with a bear?

*A Pooh Bear.*

What goes, "Oh, oh, oh"?

*Santa Claus walking backwards.*

Why didn't the skeleton play church music?

*Because he had no organs.*

Why don't cannibals like to eat comedians?

*They taste funny.*

Why can't a car play soccer?

*Because it's only got one boot!*

What wobbles and flies?

*A jelly copter!*

What did the pig say when he was in the sun?

*I'm bacon!*

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

*A stick.*

What do you do if your frog breaks down?

*You get it toad away!*

If some stores are open 24 hours a day why do

they have locks on their doors?

What's the biggest ant in the world?

*An elephant!*

What do you call a pair of banana peels?

*A pair of slippers.*

Do you have a big hole in your socks?

*No.*

Then how do you get your feet in?

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

*A carrot!*

Who is the strongest person in the world?

*A shop lifter!*

Where do sheep do their shopping?

*At Woollies!*

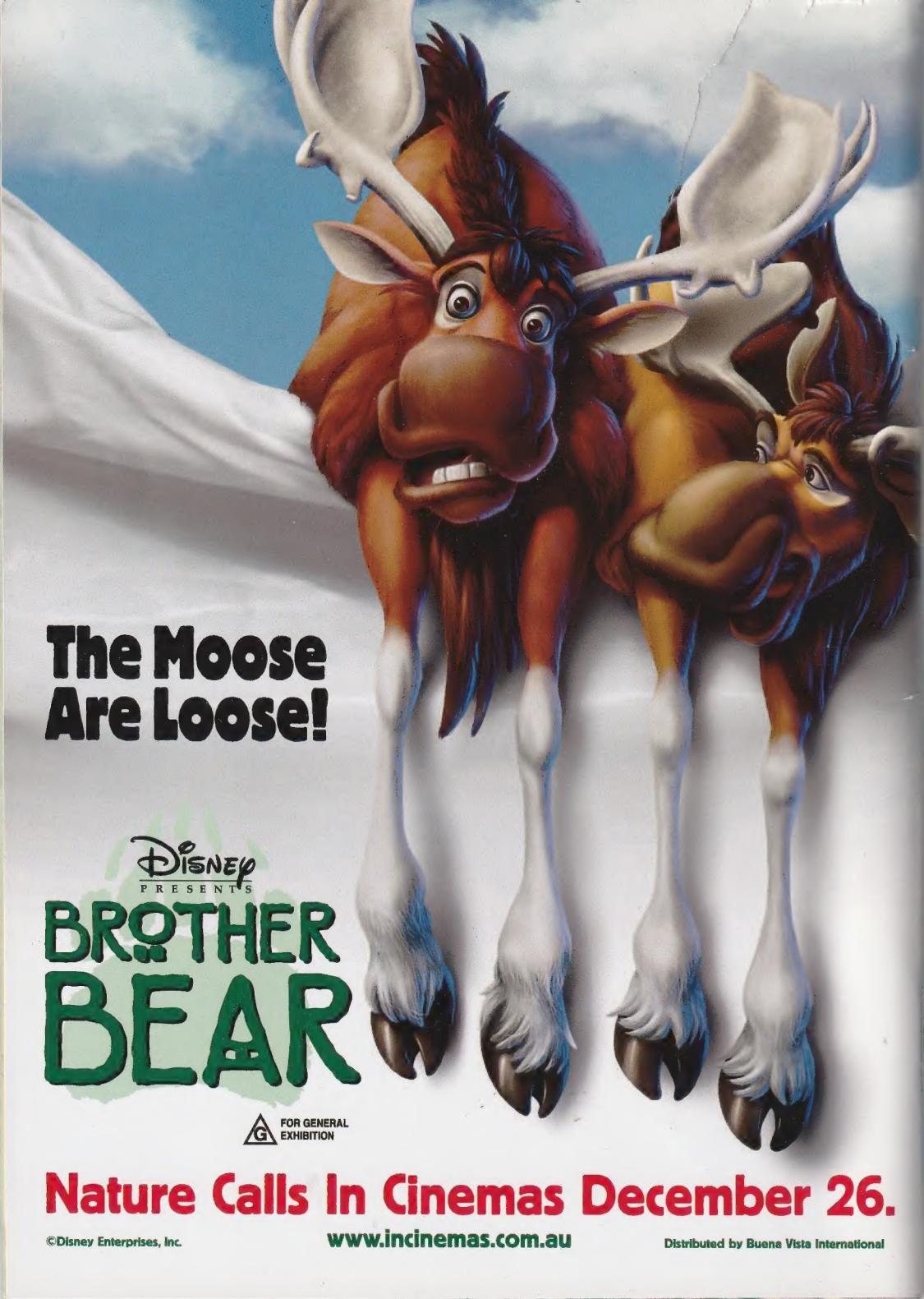
Where do you go if you lose your hand?

*A second-hand shop.*

Why is it so hard to fool a snake?

*Because you can't pull its leg!*

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